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Anti-abortion protests heat up at Johns Hopkins Bayview

Three Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center security officers stood side-by-side, arms folded, expressions impassive, silently surveilling the pro-life protesters at Bayview September 16 for almost an hour.

Defend Life and the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Maryland had scheduled the protest against Bayview's routine committing of first- and second-trimester abortions for 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

The demonstration was winding up when a *Defend Life* photographer approached the three officers.

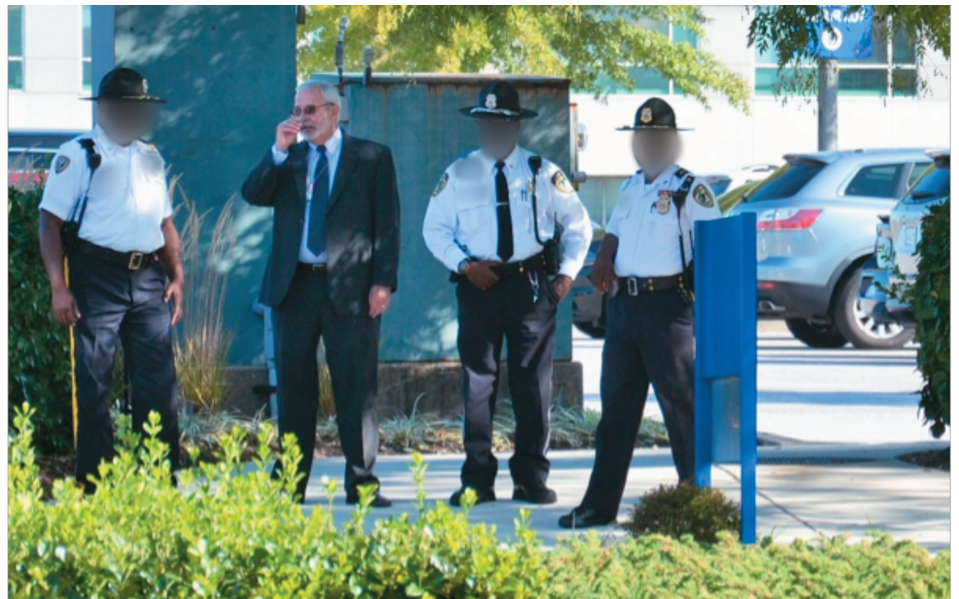
By then, Hopkins Bayview Security Director William McLean (in plain clothes) had joined them. When the photographer tried to take their pictures, McLean objected angrily.

"We haven't done anything to you!" he yelled. "You're the one who's coming up to us! You can't take their photo if they say they don't want it taken!"

One of the officers walked away during the confrontation. The other two declared that they didn't want their pictures taken.

"But I'm reporting on a story," the photographer objected, still trying to get a shot.

McLean physically blocked the camera lens with his hand.



Hopkins Bayview Security Director William McLean (in plain clothes) joins three Bayview security officers surveilling pro-lifers protesting within the Bayview complex.

Protest moves inside complex

Defend Life and CBR Maryland began monthly protests in June, lining up along Eastern Avenue at the medical center's Bayview Boulevard entrance with a large banner proclaiming "JOHNS HOPKINS KILLS BABIES: ABORTIONS UP TO 20 WEEKS."

But after CBR Maryland Director Kurt Linnemann secured plats for the Bayview property showing that Bayview Boulevard is a public street up to the crosswalk at Hop-

kins Bayview Drive, the pro-lifers moved their September protest to well within the Bayview complex.

"This is a much better location!" Defend Life Director Jack Ames observed.

Pedestrian traffic was heavy, and cars slowed down or stopped at the intersection, allowing much greater interaction with passersby than that outside the complex.

At least three people signed up to volunteer with the pro-lifers.

One woman stopped to tell Linnemann that she had had an

abortion there about thirty years ago, when she was 13 years old.

"They made me wait until I was 5 months along," the woman said. She didn't know why.

"Then my mom dropped me off and left me there. They put a tube in my belly and drained the fluid out," she added, a procedure indicating that she may have undergone a saline abortion.

After the abortion was done, she recalled, "They threw the baby in a bucket. I asked, 'Can you tell me if it was a boy or a girl?' 'If you wanted to know that, you should have had the baby,' they told me.

"I'm a Christian. I asked God to forgive me," she finished, wiping her eyes.

'Up in their ivory towers'

Some passersby refused to accept brochures describing Hopkins



A woman volunteers to help out the pro-lifers, giving her contact information to Kurt Linnemann as Steve Potorti and Jim Bocklage hold a protest sign.

Bayview's abortion practice.

One driver snapped at Jennifer

Mullen, "I'm for abortion, on demand and without apology!"

Another woman driver yelled at Ames, "Who the f--- do you think you are, telling me what I can do with my life? How many babies have *you* adopted?"

The woman admitted she had had an abortion, then continued with a tirade laced with more expletives before driving off.

"I just reminded her of the worst day of her life," said Ames.

But many more drivers and pedestrians accepted the brochures.

A young woman in scrubs, wearing an employee ID, whispered to Linda Bocklage, "I'm with you. God bless you!"

Linnemann described the protest as "Excellent. We had a great response from people—for the most part, they were shocked" that Bay-



A Baltimore City ambulance driver accepts a brochure detailing Hopkins Bayview's abortion practices from Jennifer Mullen.

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Thousands protest at Planned Parenthoods nationwide

Planned Parenthood must be destroyed.

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That was speaker Joe McPherson's rallying mantra at the protest at Planned Parenthood in Silver Spring, Md., on August 22.

Carthage, "the other powerful empire on the western Mediterranean" at the time of the Roman Empire, "was a commercial, money-loving, and therefore, pleasure-loving civilization," the Brookewood School headmaster told the 170 pro-lifers at the demonstration.

"They worshipped the Baals, their gods, which personified lust, greed and power. These pagan gods always demand the ultimate human sacrifice, and Carthage gave into it: they threw their babies into fiery furnaces."

The Roman statesman Cato, whenever he spoke to the Senate on anything, would end every speech with the words, "Carthage must be destroyed!" noted McPherson.

"For us, Carthage isn't a foreign enemy; Carthage is inside our very society. It's called Planned Parenthood. And I say, every time I can, 'Planned Parenthood must be destroyed!'"

While McPherson spoke that Saturday morning, pro-lifers were holding similar protest rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities across the country.

The numbers were staggering and unprecedented: 354 simultaneous rallies with well over 78,000 participants.

During the Silver Spring protest, two women approached McPherson to suggest that he use a less combative word than "destroyed"; "defund



"We gotta fight!" Msgr. Charles Pope, standing with Rev. Pat Mahoney, tells protesters at the Washington, DC rally.

Planned Parenthood" might cause less negative criticism, they said.

"No," he replied without hesitation. "'Defund' is merely a step on the way to 'destroy.'"

"We think 'destroyed' is per-

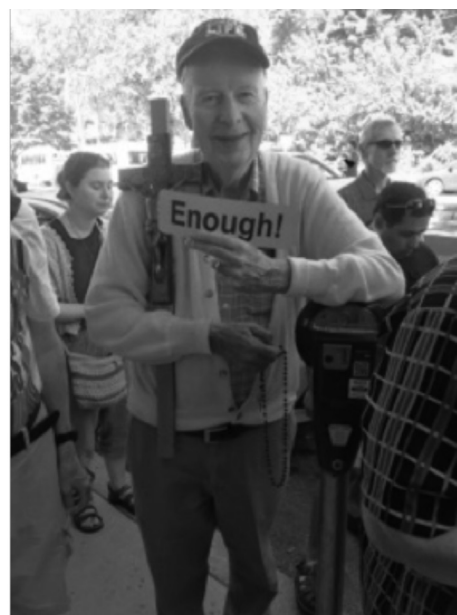
fect!" chimed in one protester. Others agreed.

Fueling the palpable anger of the pro-lifers at Silver Spring and across the nation were a series of shocking undercover videos, released starting in July by the Center for Medical Progress, showing Planned Parenthood's widespread and cavalier involvement in selling aborted baby parts for profit.

For many, the most horrifying video was number 7, in which former Stemexpress "procurement technician" Holly O'Donnell recalls, while at a Planned Parenthood clinic, slicing open the face of an intact late-term aborted baby boy who was still alive and "picking up the brain and putting it in the container."

"A Planned Parenthood apparatchik sliced off the face of a living baby, just aborted, to extract his brain!" thundered McPherson.

"The horror of it! The horror of it! This is terrible! We can't believe



John Naughton joins the protest in Silver Spring.



Pro-lifers hold protest signs and pray in front of Planned Parenthood of Maryland headquarters on North Howard Street in Baltimore.

that this is happening in our society—that Planned Parenthood, this monster, is doing these things.”

The videos have electrified the pro-life movement, agreed Rev. Pat Mahoney, pastor of Church on the

Hill, at the protest in Washington, DC.

“For the first time, we saw the highest levels of Planned Parenthood medical staff talking over lunch about the horrors of what they

do!

“We got an inside look at how aborted baby parts are harvested and trafficked.”

We are growing tired of Planned Parenthood getting \$500 million a year in our tax money, said Mahoney.

“But we’re not just interested in defunding Planned Parenthood—I hope everyone here understands that—we’re interested in replacing Planned Parenthood with clinics that respect women and actually *do* provide high quality women’s health care.”

The 180 DC protesters rallied in front of a large, partially demolished building at 1225 Fourth Street NE.

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC sold its four-story facility at 16th Street Northwest and closed its doors in June.

They purchased the Fourth Street property for \$6.15 million and are in the process of constructing a new 26,000-square-foot facility at the site, to be completed in the spring.

Speaker Lauren Handy, DC field director of the Anti-Choice Project, echoed Mahoney’s and McPherson’s message.

“It is not enough to *defund* Planned Parenthood, it is time to *defeat* Planned Parenthood! We’re here to turn our outrage into action.”

The DC rally concluded with the pro-lifers kneeling in prayer.

Several Catholic priests led the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and the Divine Mercy prayer, “Jesus, for the sake of your sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

At other area sites, the numbers were impressive. Annapolis reported 200 protesters. Falls Church, Va.,



Mary Hollingshead (left) and Amy Erardi hold a sign at Planned Parenthood in Baltimore as Jack Ames looks on.

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Pro-abortion legislature makes for boring Chocolate Gala

By Naomi daGuerra

NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland celebrated its 26th annual Evening of Chocolate Gala on September 19, at the Ten Oaks Ballroom on Signal Bell Lane in Clarksville, Md.

This was a new location for the event; Chocolate Gala had been held at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department the last few years.

Even a generous and impartial review of this year's event—NARAL PCM's most important fundraiser of the year—could not avoid use of the word “uninspiring.” But dullness is often one of the victor's spoils.

Approximately 200 people attended the event, in line with numbers from recent years. At least twice as large as The Oak Room at the Sandy Spring VFD building, the Ten Oaks Ballroom was noticeably less crowded.

More than half the crowd stood

along the bar at the back of the room, noisily gabbing and imbibing while NARAL PCM staff spent a grand total of 20 minutes (during the three-hour event) presenting awards and discussing legislative goals from the front of the room.

Several spontaneous attempts from the few interested listeners to “Hush!” the clamorous glass clinkers were met with only short-lived compliance.

But there wasn't much to hear. Apparently short on nominees, the pro-abortion organization gave two “Choice Advocate” awards to prior staffers, including State Delegate Arianna B. Kelly (D-Montgomery County), formerly NARAL PCM's executive director.

Kelly received the award in spite of being arrested in late June and charged with indecent exposure and trespassing, charges later dropped by State's Attorney John McCarthy, a Democrat.

According to police statements cited in the *Washington Post*, Delegate Kelly was dropping off her two children at the house of her ex-husband, Barak Sanford.

Seemingly upset at the presence of her ex-husband's fiancée, Delegate Kelly “exposed her breasts in his direction”—an act reportedly caught on Sanford's cellphone—and “with one breast in each hand [shook] them up and down.” After Kelly refused to leave, police arrested her.

Delegate Kelly, 38, had no arresting words for the audience during her acceptance speech, likely because the pro-abortion-controlled Maryland legislature did not face much offense from the pro-life contingent during the 2015 legislative session.

It was a dull legislative year in Maryland for the pro-aborts. Kelly did not even bother mentioning the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which was not voted on, or a handful of other pro-life measures that went nowhere.

With Maryland's General Assembly comfortably locked into a pro-baby-killing mindset, Kelly's speech centered on insurance pools and women's pay inequality.

(Maryland House of Delegates members earn an annual salary of \$43,500 plus a *per diem*; Kelly's ex-husband, a managing partner of a financial group, certainly earns much more.)

Perhaps choking on sour grapes, Kelly told the Chocolate Gala audience, “Motherhood is the greatest predictor of wage inequality.”

Delegate Kelly did not expose



Delegate Ariana Kelly (center), here with Margaret Dayhoff-Brannigan and Ellie Dayhoff-Brannigan, won a Choice Advocate Award at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland's Chocolate Gala.

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In My Humble Opinion

The deafening silence of the Catholic bishops

By Janet Baker

In the wake of the ever-growing and increasingly encroaching tyranny called political correctness, many of us have been anticipating the day when Christians would be imprisoned for daring to live their beliefs in the public arena.

We no longer anticipate that day, for it has already arrived. If you (readers) glean your information of current events from mainstream Catholic publications, though, this article may be the first you've heard of these events.

In early September in Rowan County, Kentucky, a county clerk named Kim Davis refused to issue a marriage license to two gay men who presented themselves to her, ostensibly to obtain one.

I say "ostensibly," because prior to that, she had made clear that she would refuse such a request.

With media entourage in tow, these two came into her office to apply for a marriage license. Clearly they were setting her up. True to her word, she declined the request.

So they filed suit. Rogue Judge David Bunning ordered her jailed without bond: a punishment to which many dangerous criminals aren't subjected.

Bunning's impartiality was probably questionable from the get-go, as he previously ordered Kentucky students to undergo "sensitivity training." That order was overruled, by the way.

It should also be noted that Kentucky law holds marriage to be between a man and a woman, and



Rowan County, Kentucky, clerk Kim Davis was jailed September 3 after refusing to issue a marriage license to a homosexual couple due to her religious beliefs.

Davis was elected to her position before the *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling.

Therefore, to those who snark about "giving to Caesar what is Caesar's," that is precisely what she did. The United States, after all, is a nation of laws, not a nation of judicial dictates.

During her imprisonment, many spoke on her behalf. In addition to the thousands of good people, Christians and U.S. citizens, we heard from a number of leaders.

Mike Huckabee spoke at a rally held to support her. Ted Cruz spoke out, as did the Reverend Franklin Graham.

One collective voice, however, was not heard. Their disgraceful silence was deafening. I speak of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States.

During her imprisonment, I've been checking the websites of both the United States Conference of

Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky (in which the miscarriage of justice occurred).

I've also been scouring the pages of the Washington, DC, Archdiocese's *Catholic Standard*.

One might think with all the various "religious freedom" campaigns they undertook that they might mention the name "Kim Davis" at least once—but they didn't.

Could it be because both President Obama and Hillary Clinton railed against her? Might it be because David Bunning, the rogue judge who imprisoned her, is Catholic (for what his Catholicism is worth)?

Whatever the reason, the silence of the nation's bishops is inexcusable. By the way—if anyone has seen an official statement from any U.S. bishop, please advise.

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English Catholic martyrs set standard for times of persecution

Many Maryland Catholics are proud of the fact that Maryland was established as a colony by a Catholic, Lord Baltimore, as a haven for fellow Catholics fleeing religious persecution in England.

So, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park, Md., Fr. Michael Roach had a receptive audience at his September 18 Defend Life-sponsored talk on the Catholic martyrs in 16th-century England.

“There is some speculation that George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, got the inspiration for his colony in part from St. Thomas More’s *Utopia*,” the teacher of Church History at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg told his listeners.

Few know that George Calvert was “a great friend” of Fr. Henry More, S.J., who was St. Thomas More’s great-grandson and provincial of the English Jesuits, he noted.

The first blood of martyrdom under King Henry VIII was shed in 1535, when five priests, four of them monks, were brutally executed at Tyburn Hill.

The best-known was St. John Halpin, prior of the London house of Carthusians, the strictest order of the Catholic Church, then and now, said Father.

“The villainous Thomas Cromwell demanded that the monks sign the Act of Supremacy which, in effect, declared Henry VIII the head of the Church in England.

“They refused, and within a month were executed at Tyburn Hill.”

The five priests were hung, drawn and quartered—a gruesome procedure in which the prisoner was hung, cut down quickly before he died, stretched out on a rack, then disem-

boweled and cut into four parts.

Eventually, 18 Carthusians would be martyred by King Henry, said Roach: “There is a stained-glass window honoring them in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.”

Later that same year John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, was beheaded for also refusing to sign the Act of Supremacy.

When Fisher was jailed, Pope Paul III named him a cardinal, hoping to help the bishop’s cause.



The 16th-century English Catholic martyrs died courageously for the Church, says Fr. Michael Roach.

Instead, Henry VIII flew into a rage and immediately had him executed, said Father.

“It was said that all of Christendom was in shock.”

The bishop was widely respected as a teacher, scholar and reformer, as well as a cleric of simple, penitential lifestyle.

“It’s sad to note that the venerable and elderly Fisher was the only martyr among the English bishops,” said Roach. “The rest of the hierarchy generally caved.”

A month later, on July 6, 1535, Thomas More, Lord Chancellor to

Henry VIII, also became a martyr.

“More was a lawyer who tried every avenue of prevarication and argument,” said Roach.

More was thrown into prison in the Tower of London for 14 months.

“But in the end, he had to withhold consent and honor his conscience,” refusing to accept Henry’s marriage to Anne Boleyn and him as head of the Church of England.

“His words on the scaffold were immortal: ‘I die the King’s good servant, but God’s first.’

“Would that our Catholic politicians in *this* country today might say the same kind of thing,” commented the priest.

Henry died in 1547.

“He was very enigmatic religiously; he kept many of Catholicism’s doctrines and practices,” observed Father.

“In his will, he requested that a chantry chapel be endowed to say Masses for his soul.”

There was speculation that Henry VIII suffered from tertiary syphilis, “which certainly would have taken away most of his rationality,” said Roach.

After Henry’s death, the situation became more dire for English Catholics. In his son, Edward VI’s reign, “The Church of England clearly moved from the schismatic to the heretical.

“Among the young king’s radical changes was the abolition of clerical celibacy, the suppression of the Mass, and the law that all church services must be conducted in English,” said Father.

The man who really pulled all the strings during this period was

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

It's a vastly different world compared to the one in which **YOU and I grew up**. This thought struck me recently. I attended a talk at **CUA, The Catholic University of America**. It was for all **300** undergrad students in the School of Business. The speaker was **Larry Kudlow**, an internationally known radio and TV host who had been invited by his friend



CUA President John Garvey. Kudlow's resume is impressive. He worked on Wall Street, worked in the Reagan Administration, and worked for the Federal Reserve. He's a Jewish convert, brought into the Church by Father C. Edward McCloskey, has hosted his own hour-long program on CNBC for many years, and still has a nationally syndicated radio



program.

His talk was inspiring to me. He said that **America is still easily the world's greatest land of opportunity for those who want to make something of themselves**.

One outstanding example was when he received a call on Thursday night from his friend **Bob Wright**, who was the head man at NBC. His friend told him that **Geraldo Rivera**, who had the leading weeknight time slot on CNBC, had just resigned to become a war correspondent in Afghanistan. He told Kudlow that he desperately needed a replacement and that **Kudlow was his man**. Kudlow responded, ***I've never done TV – I don't even know how a teleprompter works***. The NBC president told Kudlow not to ***sweat the small stuff***. Kudlow asked if he would have **6-8 weeks** to prepare if he took this job. The response: ***No, you'll start Monday!***



Kudlow took the job and explained that some of the early shows bombed badly. He always knew how they had done because of instant TV ratings. But Kudlow explained, there was always tomorrow. **No matter how badly we may fail today, there is always tomorrow! What a great lesson!**

Kudlow held nothing back! At one point in his life, his wife sent him off with a one-way ticket to an alcohol-drug rehab center with the words, ***Don't come back until you are better!***

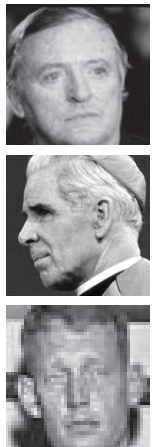
I was seated to the side of the platform on which he was standing. I noticed that numerous students seated a scant 10 feet from me, seemed to be totally disinterested. Many were busy texting on their smart phones, some were yawning, others were on the verge of falling asleep. But I kept telling myself that other students certainly had to be much more interested.

Kudlow then took questions from these CUA business students. **Guess how many questions they asked? A grand total of 1.** At which point, Kudlow stood on the edge of the platform, leaned forward, and said, ***You certainly are not going to let me off that easily! Are you? Still not a single additional question from these challenged students.***

When I was a student at Villanova, we had numerous prominent speakers. We also had access to nearby colleges such as Rosemont, Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Penn. I can remember hearing **Bill Buckley, Russell Kirk, Fred Schwartz, Fulton Sheen, Brent Bozell**, and

so many other luminaries. There was invariably a lively Q&A session afterwards. Then we would often gather around the speaker to ask one-on-one questions, even if we did not agree with him. But now it's so different!

So what's my point? I honestly believe that we are seeing the fallout of the last 55 years beginning with the contraceptive pill in 1960, no-fault divorce, the abandonment of Blue laws which kept Sundays Sacred, kicking God out of our public schools in 1962, abortion on demand in 1973, our dumbed down Catechetics, the meteoric rise in Catholic school and college tuitions (at Villanova, total cost for room, board and tuition was **\$2,000/year in the early 1960s**), the demise of the military, the loss of manufacturing, disrespect for legitimate authority, and now so-called **same-sex marriage**. We have lost so much of what made us a Christian nation. In the meantime, most of our young persons, home schoolers excepted, are being corrupted by our rotten public schools and our "less than Catholic" schools. **So what's the answer?**



Here is my very simple but not so easy plan describing what I think we must do:

- Find a tenaciously **PRO-LIFE** young person with leadership experience to take over my position as director of **DEFEND LIFE**, in which I have served as a volunteer since **1987**. I have several persons in mind, but unfortunately it will take **\$40,000 to \$50,000/year** to hire one of them. Such a person could multiply our efforts **10-fold**, especially in reaching out to younger Catholics who have been so seriously dumbed down. **Pray**



that several very financially blessed persons will come to the fore to pay this young person's salary! Please call me if you know such a person whom I could approach. Perhaps you would be willing to visit them with me?

- This would free me up to raise the money needed for a paid intern program which I discussed in our **July-August** issue. These interns would be recent college graduates who have been active in **PRO-LIFE** since their high school years. Their job would be to teach a simple **one-hour per week curriculum** to middle school students. This curriculum will include talks and DVDs on items such as:

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| – History of the PRO-LIFE movement | – Watching classic movies |
| – Catholic and American history | – Introduction to PRO-LIFE activism |
| – Chastity, etiquette, manners and modesty in dress | – The Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy |
| | – PRO-LIFE Apologetics |

- We would have occasional Saturday field trips to such places as abortion mills, the Franciscan Monastery, the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Fort McHenry, etc. We would teach this curriculum in parishes when we had a friendly pastor who was fully supportive. The paid interns would make a minimum 2-year commitment before moving on to the next phase of their life. **Please call me, let me know what you think, and if you are willing to help me with this crucially important mission! I need your help!**



Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, Director & Founder

Enclosure

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Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

After Edward's death, his oldest sister, Mary Tudor, became queen.

"She attempted with all her heart to bring about a Catholic restoration, but her methods were rather harsh," Roach admitted.

She had Archbishop Cranmer and other clerics burned at the stake.

"It is said that perhaps 300 Protestants were executed under her reign, though in truth, many were political rebels," he observed.

"That's why Protestants, still today, call her 'Bloody Mary.'"

After Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558, the persecution of Catholics resumed with new vigor.

English Catholics began setting up colleges and seminaries over on the Continent, in Spain, Portugal, French Flanders and Rome.

About 44 of the alumni in the English college in Rome "won the crown of martyrdom," said Roach.

"It's amazing that so many young men were motivated to take up the dangerous task of re-evangelizing England at so great a personal risk."

Perhaps the most dashing and popular figure among the English martyrs was the Jesuit, Edmund Campion—"a phenomenal speaker, brilliant student, well-thought of at Oxford," said Father. "When Queen Elizabeth visited Oxford, he was picked to give the welcoming address."

But Campion eventually went over to the Continent, became a

Catholic and was ordained a priest.

He returned to England in 1580 and, posing as a jeweler, began secretly preaching and saying Mass in London.

"He was such a phenomenal preacher that even some Protestants would sneak in to hear his learned sermons," said Roach.

But Campion, along with two other priests, were found out in the house of some Catholic gentry.

"In 1591 the brave, brilliant Edmund Campion was hanged, drawn and quartered," said Father.

Not only men, but women as well would give up their lives for the Catholic faith. Margaret Clitherow was one of them.

She was fined twice and jailed once for refusing to go to the Anglican Church.

In 1586 her house was raided. A priest in hiding there managed to escape, but Clitherow didn't.

At her trial she was asked if she would hide priests in the future.

"She would not budge," said Father. "I will always shelter the priests," she replied, 'for without the priest there is no Eucharist. There is no life for me without the Blessed Eucharist.'"

Margaret Clitherow was pressed to death—placed under a door, with rocks placed on it one by one until she was crushed to death.

It took 15 minutes.

"The townspeople were so upset by this awful execution that, when they passed the magistrate's house on their way home, they shouted, 'You will make Papists of us all!'" said Father.

Father Roach also recounted a little-known "Maryland connection" in the history of English martyrdom. Anne Arundel County was named after Anne Arundel, the wife of Lord Cecil Calvert and second

Lady Baltimore.

Anne was a close relative of Philip, Earl of Arundel, "a wastrel, who led a frivolous life, deserting his wife and family," the priest noted.

But after listening to a debate between Edmund Campion and a group of Protestant theologians, "he was so struck by it that he straightened out his life and returned to his wife and family."

In 1585 he was trying to take his family out of Protestant England and escape to France when, betrayed by a servant, he was jailed for leaving the country without permission.

Although he was second cousin to Queen Elizabeth, he languished in prison for ten years, finally dying of dysentery in 1595.

"Why are we telling all these stories about martyrdom at a pro-life talk?" Father asked rhetorically.

"Two reasons. First, I was a spiritual director for many years with Fr. Benedict Groeschel.

"He used to say that when he was very young he knew some Polish Capuchin friars who ended up dying in Auschwitz, forfeiting their lives for the Church.

"He later told me, 'You know, when I look at the way things are going today, it could happen to us.'"

Father's second reason was the words of the late Cardinal George of Chicago: "I will die in my bed; my successor will die in prison; and *his* successor will die a martyr."

"But I recently heard a fourth step of his well-known quote," said Father.

"Cardinal George had added, 'And *his* successor will gather up the pieces of a shattered civilization and put those shards together and bring about a new society, as the Church has done so often in the last two thousand years.'

***Because God has made us
for Himself, our hearts are
restless until they rest in Him.***

— SAINT AUGUSTINE

Book Review

10 sure-fire ways to kill your child's imagination

By Diane Levero

Where had all the fairy tales gone?

Many moons ago, when I was raising my kids, *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* were in the general mix of children's books at my local library.

A few years ago, they got moved to a special "Fairy Tales" section, kind of behind the main children's books section.

Recently, I went to the library to take out some books for my 6-year-old granddaughter.

The Fairy Tales section was gone.

In its place was a large "Beginning Readers" section, containing books "to help kindergarten and first grade children learn to read," a sign explained. They were labeled Level 1, 2, or 3, according to reading difficulty.

Many were about kids doing the things kids do—or animal characters doing things kids do. They were kind of—uh—dull.

I asked a librarian if they still had any fairy tales.

She took me past a large section of books for middle- and high schoolers (*Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*; *The Day My Butt Went Psycho*; *Dork Diaries*).

Past another big alcove filled with teen "audio books" ("books" on CD).

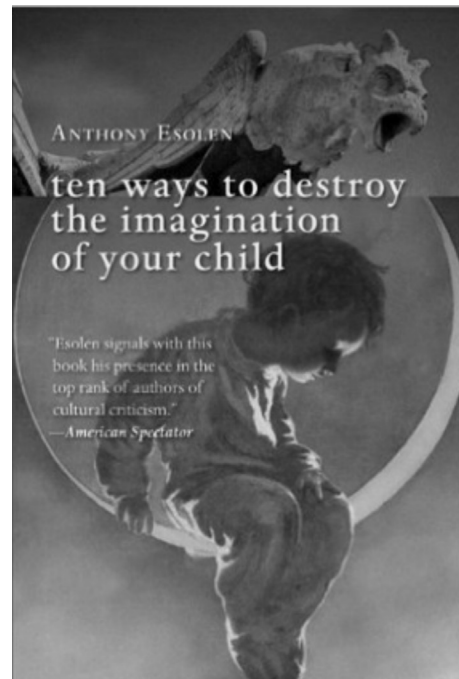
Past another alcove with New Teen Books.

Until we came to a narrow aisle, where "Folk and Fairy Tales" were

sequestered in a few shelves.

Maybe the nameless library apatchik who decided to quarantine the fairy tales so they wouldn't contaminate young minds with anything too fanciful had taken her cue from Anthony Esolen's *Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child*.

Dr. Esolen, a professor of English at Providence College, is writing tongue-in-cheek, of course. No



parent would consciously set out to destroy his or her child's imagination.

But larger forces would—and are deeply engaged in doing so.

Esolen, a summa cum laude graduate of Princeton University and a dedicated Catholic, describes in gruesome detail how government, our educational system, the mainstream media, and the entertainment industry work together to deaden our children's imaginations, with

the ultimate aim of leveling everyone to a state of ignorance, complacency, and mediocrity.

Why would this be anyone's goal?

"We now have a Service Economy, which mainly entails the transfer of money from one person to another for nothing of inherent use," Esolen explains.

"We also have a Welfare State, which is a perpetual motion machine, producing the dependency which it purports to alleviate."

To maintain this status quo, we need a population of compliant drudges, "educated" to be helpless, narcissistic, shallow and ignorant.

"The premise of our educational system is that children need to be socialized into a managed world," says Esolen. "We talk a great deal about independence, but we loathe it."

The older tradition of the liberal arts, aimed at introducing students to the best that has been thought, done, and written in the world, can sometimes encourage children to engage in dangerous flights of fancy.

That won't do. Children might begin to think on their own and refuse to conform to the roles set for them in an ideal managed society.

But conformity must reach far beyond the classroom, Esolen asserts.

"Homogeneity is the rule. All television shows must look alike. All hamburgers must come from fast-food franchises and taste alike.

"States should mandate curricula for all their schools. Washington should dictate in turn to the states [think Common Core].

"Newspapers should all read alike, and, if we can manage it, they should all be owned by only a few media conglomerates, and should hash out the same articles from three or four wire services. The language of the articles should be reduced to the blank stupidity of the Dick and Jane readers.

"All little children should attend state-supervised day care centers and watch public pablum on television."

One sure-fire method for killing your child's imagination is to Never Leave Children to Themselves, says Esolen. Start early, he advises.

When they are hardly old enough to toddle about, wheel them away to a day care center, "where they are cared for by paid professionals, usually of a kind disposition, who feed them at regular feeding times, nap them at regular napping times, give them regularly scheduled 'activities' to keep them from rusting solid, and remember their names."

At day care the games must "never be of a competitive nature, lest anyone be hurt by real anger or disappointment, or elated by real victory."

The little ones "also practice the alphabet, and the brightest among them learn to read drivel."

Two of Esolen's methods are related: "Cast Aspersions upon the

Heroic and Patriotic" and "Cut All Heroes Down to Size."

Kids now learn that the so-called "Father of Our Country," who was "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," was not all that great: after all, George Washington was a slave owner, right?

Faults abound in every man, Esolen acknowledges. "But the imagination forgives the blemish and attempts to see beneath the grime."

We can't have that now, can we. Heroes could fire the child's imagination and inspire him to reach high and noble goals.

"We should make everything small—like ourselves," advises the professor. "That will leave us with quite a sense of moral and intellectual superiority."

And with nothing to aspire to.

Fortunately, parents are aided by "popular culture"—our mass entertainment, which models for their kids the flippant, the snickering, and the sarcastic, and fills their minds and their time with noise and trash.

After years of watching TV, Esolen assures us, "Your children will come to respect nothing, love nothing, believe in nothing, and long for nothing."

Other effective ways to kill your child's imagination include:

- Keep Your Children Indoors as

Much as Possible.

- Keep Children Away from Machines and Machinists.
- Reduce All Talk of Love to Narcissism and Sex.

Local fans of *Ten Ways to Destroy* will be gratified to know that Common Core, the quintessence of government education control to ensure unthinking secularist conformity, is now firmly ensconced not only in Maryland public schools but in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

For those of us on the other side of this deadly battle, things may seem hopeless. How can we possibly counter all the seemingly indomitable forces arrayed against our children?

If you'll pardon the language, we can fight like hell. Severely limit "virtual reality" (TV, video games, internet "chatting," etc.) and encourage "reality"—real-life experiences—instead.

Read excellent literature to your children. Model and teach them purity, chastity, and respect for the virtues of bravery, selflessness, charity, and love of God.

Dr. Esolen has given us a harsh but truthful assessment of the battle being waged for our children's minds and hearts.

Now the ball is in *our* court.



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Make Love, Not War: old slogan, new meaning

By Molly Daley

Our society has convinced women that fighting our bodies is an inherent part of being a woman.

The makeup industry tells us that we are too plain, so we paint, pluck, and straighten.¹

The fashion industry tells us we are too big (or too small), so we diet, cleanse, and artificially tighten (or pad).²

The entertainment industry tells us we are too boring, so we take selfies, record our lives on social media, and Photoshop every picture. Is it any wonder that we have deeply rooted and widespread body image issues?

We wage war on our bodies because we have been taught that it is the only way to achieve and maintain the bodies we want.

Since the sexual revolution, one of the most powerful ways women engage in this battle is by using artificial contraception. Think about it:

women swallow pills, insert rings, and implant devices because we wish our bodies worked differently.

It's a war against women's bodies, and it's time for peace. Women will be in a better position to reach societal equality when we have made peace with ourselves.

To declare peace, however, we must understand the war we have been fighting.

The women who have been fighting their bodies have often done so with the very best of intentions. It is widely believed that to have a successful relationship and plan a family in a responsible manner, couples must use artificial birth control.

Successful relationships and responsible parenthood are not only noble goals, but also the components that form the very foundation of any healthy society.

Thus, women take on the burden of choosing and using artificial contraception because they are try-

ing their best to take care of themselves, their families, and their communities.

Have you ever wondered if (or wished that) there was another way?

There is.

Fertility Awareness-Based Methods offer another choice. These methods teach men and women the intricate and beautiful details about how their bodies work.

With this knowledge, couples are able to postpone or achieve pregnancy by making observations about their natural biological cycles and using this information to determine whether the woman is fertile or infertile. (Men are always fertile!)

Fertility Awareness-Based Methods are an empowering and healthy way to family plan without any artificial chemicals, drugs, or products. There aren't any dangerous side effects or risks, and usage does not leave an environmental footprint.

Thankfully, these methods do not force us to compromise our desire for effectiveness. Modern fertility awareness methods are between 95-99% effective at preventing pregnancy (which places them alongside, or even ahead of, artificial forms of contraception).

We have been battling our bodies because we don't know what our bodies can do. Knowing our bodies enables us to stop fighting them.

If you learn about the powerful things your body does, you will begin to respect your body. Respecting your body will naturally transform into being thankful for your body.

In turn, being thankful for your body will place you on the path towards loving your body. I can't think of a healthier reason to love



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your body than because you understand the dazzling powers it naturally has.

It's powerful when we loosen the control that the makeup, fashion, and entertainment industries have over our bodies, but it's life-changing when we say goodbye to artificial birth control. Our bodies are enough. We are enough. And we are incredible.

Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning empower every woman to declare her own Armistice Day.

Let's make love, not war.

1. The Organic Monitor projects that cosmetic sales in the United States and Europe will reach \$15 billion

in 2015. www.loc.gov/rr/business/BERA/issue17/current.html.

2. According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, 91% of women surveyed on a college campus had attempted to diet to control their weight. www.anad.org/get-information/about-eating-disorders/eating-disorders-statistics/.

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herself indecently at the Chocolate Gala event.

Democrat Congressman John Sarbanes (representing Maryland's 3rd Congressional District) did get a lot of exposure in the gala ballroom.

As he has done for the past several Chocolate Galas (and other NARAL) events, Sarbanes did not arrive fashionably late or leave early.

Abortion is more than just an issue that, as a Democrat, he simply checks off. While other pro-abortion members of Congress (Chris Van Hollen, Donna Edwards) donate to the cause but sometimes only send representatives to the Chocolate Gala, Sarbanes has a special affinity for the pro-abortion environment; evidently, it's where he feels at home.

Other event supporters included Montgomery County's faction of radical pro-abortion politicians, DC-area abortion clinics, and abortionists.

Leroy Carhart—who offers fetal hand- and footprints as part of his abortion services—donated between \$500-\$999 (about one-tenth of his fee to kill a late-term girl or boy) to sponsor the event, but he did not attend.

And as has been the case in past years, the Washington Capitals hockey team and Washington Nationals baseball team donated signed merchandise.

If you have comments or questions about the Chocolate Gala, Naomi would be happy to hear from you. You may contact her at naomi.daguerra@mail.com.

For more on Delegate Kelly's arrest, see [Washington post.com/local/md-politics/prosecutors-drop-trespassing-exposure-charges-against-ariana-kelly/2015/07/21/1bd74302-2f20-11e5-8353-1215475949f4_story.html](http://Washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/prosecutors-drop-trespassing-exposure-charges-against-ariana-kelly/2015/07/21/1bd74302-2f20-11e5-8353-1215475949f4_story.html) and Washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/maryland-del-ariana-kelly-arrested-for-indecent-exposure-trespassing/2015/07/14/06a29486-

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At the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin stated to his colleagues at the Continental Congress, "We must all hang together, or we shall all hang separately."

As Christianity comes under attack from an increasingly hostile culture, these words assume the same relevance for us as they did for our Founding Fathers.

We must use our free speech rights (while we still can do so) to pray and stand in the public square to restore Christianity, with the attendant respect for life and marriage, to our society.

The Catholic Church's bishops cannot continue to shirk their God-given duties. They must proclaim the truth and stand with those who do.

Now.

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view was doing abortions.

“We had a lot of Hopkins security response, which means we’re being more effective,” he added.

“We’re going to build momentum, going to increase our pressure.”

Ames agreed.

“What I envision is getting more people and more signs, and eventually covering several locations,” he said.

The Hopkins Bayview authorities “are up in their ivory towers now. But we’re bringing public scrutiny to bear on their abortion operations.”



Kelly Frederick joins the August 19 protest of Johns Hopkins Bayview’s commitment of first- and second-trimester abortions.

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had 800.

At Planned Parenthood of Maryland headquarters on North Howard Street in Baltimore, pro-lifers demonstrated with signs, music, prayers, and testimony.

Fr. Martin Eppard, pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd in Catonsville, a charismatic Episcopal church, led the protest.

His son, Ian Eppard, played the guitar and led the singing of a circle of protesters, who competed for space with rug installers who had parked their truck on the sidewalk and were carrying rugs in and out of the closed facility.

A post-abortive woman told fellow pro-lifers, “I understand these women; you’re broke, you’re alone, you have nowhere to turn.

The woman said she had had one abortion, then found herself pregnant again, and went for a second abortion.

But when she entered the abortion clinic, she said, something was different.

“It felt like I was in the twilight zone. You could feel the evil.

“I walked out. I had been cheated on, and it was a hard pregnancy, but I’m glad I walked out.”

Her daughter is 23 now, and she has a granddaughter.

“These women need compassion,” she reminded her listeners.

At 10 a.m., two Baltimore City police cars pulled up.

“The officer who talked to me was Catholic, and very pleasant,” reported Father Eppard. “He just told us to make sure we did not block the door.”

The officer also made the rug installers move their truck off the sidewalk.

Confusion at the national organizing level had led to listing the Planned Parenthood facility in Towson, which only does abortion referrals, as the site for the Baltimore

protest.

Local pro-lifers managed to get the error corrected on the website, protestpp.com, but only the day before the event.

“This shows that when you’re organizing at a national level, you still need local input,” commented Defend Life Director Jack Ames, who took part in the Howard Street protest.

The Towson protest reported 84 participants, but about 50 pro-lifers did show up at the Howard Street facility, learning about it online or by word of mouth.

Many of them waved hand-printed signs at passing traffic at the corner of Howard and Mulberry Streets.

Some drivers ignored them, or gave them “a flip away with the back of the hand, like, ‘I don’t have time for this,’” said pro-lifer Bob Brown.

But they also got a lot of “beeps” in support, some very loud and long.

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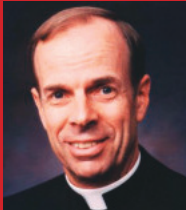
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