

Changing of the guard: Hillcrest closes, Potomac to open

The prayer vigilers at the 40 Days for Life campaign at Hillcrest abortion clinic in Catonsville were only in their third day of prayer when they saw a large dumpster delivered to the premises.

The next day, they watched as workers moved office furniture and equipment out of the building housing the abortion mill on Baltimore National Pike.

The pro-lifers' curiosity was piqued: which of the many offices in the seven-story building was moving out furniture? Could it be Hillcrest—and might it possibly be closing?

Four days later, on February 18, "A worker from another office in the building came out and talked to us," said 40 Days Baltimore Campaign Director Kim Frazer.

"She told us that Hillcrest was closed and was being demolished!"

But any hopes that the 43-yearold abortion facility might finally be closing for good were dashed when one of the vigilers called Hillcrest the next day.

"They told her that it was temporarily closed for remodeling and would reopen in March under Potomac Family Planning," said Frazer.

In a second call to the clinic, on March 14, the woman answering the phone said there was "no set date" for the reopening.



Young pro-lifers paint a message asking workers to stop remodeling the old Hillcrest abortion facility in Catonsville: (in foreground) Mary Updike (left) and Faith Molino.

Changing the focus

The pro-lifers had begun their 40 Days vigil with printed signs directed toward abortion-minded women.

One read, "We're praying for YOU—AND your baby."

Another offered women help in keeping their baby, giving the phone numbers of a nearby pregnancy center ("Only 4 blocks away! Free ultrasounds!").

Now, with the game changed, the vigilers added two hand-printed

signs. One read, "Workers & contractors: Stop working on the 6th floor renovation! It is an abortion clinic! It is not a healthcare office."

The second sign gave the same message in Spanish.

On the morning of March 11, a car pulled up near the sidewalk where five grown-ups were already praying, and six smiling, energetic kids piled out, each brandishing a jar of neon sidewalk paint.

The young pro-lifers proceeded to the front sidewalk of the building,

where they went to work, painting in giant letters that could be read easily by anyone looking out of a sixth-floor window, "Workers: Please do not redo the 6th floor abortion mill."

Mystery clinic owner

The Maryland Court of Appeals, in a February 22 decision, declared that the public has no right to know the names of the owners, administrators, or medical directors of any surgical abortion facility in the state.

However, the likely owner of Potomac Family Planning Center in Rockville, Md., appears to be Earl McLeod.

On his Maryland Board of Physicians medical license file, McLeod lists his current "Primary Practice Setting" as Potomac Family Planning Center, 966 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

McLeod opened Potomac Family Planning in 1992. He was the owner and medical director of the clinic when he and the clinic were defendants in a wrongful death lawsuit in 2000.

The lawsuit followed disciplinary action taken against McLeod by Maryland's State Board of Physician Quality Assurance after the 1997 death of a Potomac clinic client.

McLeod had performed an abortion on Jennifer Hallner, a 27-yearold schoolteacher from Rockville who was 6 weeks pregnant.

After the procedure, Hallner's heart stopped. Efforts to revive her failed, and she died the next day.

A brief narrative taken from the deposition given by her husband,



40 Days prayer vigilers stand outside the building housing the temporarily closed Hillcrest abortion clinic: (from left) Kelly Updike, 8-year-old Mary Updike, Kim Williams, Adele Kootz, Kim Frazer and Pat Barron.

Barry G. Hallner, Jr., (who filed the lawsuit) gives a glimpse into her tragic death:

At about 11:00 a.m. a nurse summoned Barry Hallner, who had been upstairs in a waiting room, and took him downstairs. She seated him in a chair and told him the doctor would be with him soon.

When no one came, he opened a door and walked down a hallway, where he confronted Dr. McLeod. To his anxious inquiries, the doctor replied, "Your wife never woke up."

Mr. Hallner walked down the hallway and into the recovery room, where he saw paramedics performing CPR on his wife.

Her eyes were wide open. He heard someone say she was in asystole. From his Army training as a combat medical specialist, he knew that meant she had "flat-lined"—she had no pulse.

He fell to his knees, crying out that he didn't understand what had happened—that this was supposed to be a simple procedure.

A nurse grabbed him, took him out in the hallway and sat him in a chair. But he wanted to see Jennifer.

He walked back down the hall in time to see the rescue team taking her out to a waiting ambulance.

In McLeod's own deposition in the case, he estimated that he had performed 150,000 to 200,000 abortions since 1974.

The abortionist has had connections with Hillcrest in the past.

As the owner and medical director of a Hillcrest clinic in Harrisburg, Pa., McLeod was sued in the 1996 death of Kelly Morris, who died after

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Editorial

Abortion providers: The new 'protected class' in Md.



Maryland Court of Appeals members hear arguments and pose questions in Glenn v. DHMH.

The Maryland Court of Appeals, in its recent decision in *Glenn v. DHMH*, has, in effect, created a new and very special protected class of people in Maryland: abortion providers.

On February 22 the Court of Appeals ruled that the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene could keep secret the names of the administrators, officers, owners, and medical directors on applications for surgical abortion facility licenses.

This ruling was the end of the road for appellant Andrew Glenn, executive director for the Maryland Coalition for Life.

In March 2013 Glenn made a records request to DHMH under Maryland's Public Information Act for copies of applications for surgical abortion facility licenses in Maryland.

DHMH sent Glenn copies of the

applications, but with the names of the individuals applying for the licenses redacted.

Glenn appealed. The case wound its way through Baltimore City Circuit Court, Maryland's Court of Special Appeals, and finally, the Maryland Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.

The case cannot be further appealed to the federal courts because it doesn't involve any issues over which the federal courts have jurisdiction.

"It is a case about a state law and the state's interpretation of that law. The federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction, and this case does not fall within those limits," explains attorney Francis J. Manion of the American Center for Law and Justice, which represented Glenn in his appeals.

So now the administrators, officers, owners, and medical directors of abortion clinics may sneak in and out of Maryland with impunity.

They may have a sorry history of medical license revocations in other states, botched abortions causing serious injury or even death to women, and tax evasion or other criminal convictions.

But the public has no right to know. They are now "special" people, who can ply their disgusting trade in anonymity.

Glenn made his Public Information Act request, in large part, due to just such an abortion provider: the notorious abortionist Steven Brigham, who was operating a secret abortion facility in Elkton, Maryland, at which a woman suffered life-threatening injuries during a late-term abortion in 2010.

We believe that the Court of Appeals, which ruled 7-0 against Glenn, was biased in favor of the abortion industry.

Maryland's Public Information Act, which provides the public "the right to inspect the records of the State government," is to be "liberally construed in favor of allowing inspection of public records," the law states—unless disclosure "would cause substantial injury to the public interest."

In the matter of abortion facilities, "[T]he threat to the public interest is more than speculative," opines the Court, adding, "it is wellknown [i.e., "*Everybody knows*!"] that there is 'widespread hostility' in certain quarters towards abortion and abortion providers."

To corroborate this point, the Court quotes from a 2014 federal court case involving Planned Parenthood in Alabama:

Against the backdrop of this history of violence, abortion providers and women seeking abortions live and work in a climate of extreme hostility to the practice of abortion. On a dayto-day basis, a provider or a patient sees this hostility when she opens the newspaper, *drives by a group of protesters at a clinic, or learns that another piece of legislation concerning abortion has been enacted* (emphasis added).

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Publicity for DEFEND LIFE For more information, 410-337-3721 Jack@DefendLife.org The Maryland Court of Appeals then leaps from the horror of the "extreme hostility" created by peaceful clinic protesters and elected representatives peacefully enacting laws regulating abortion to noting the "numerous out-of-state cases" of violence towards abortion providers.

"Thankfully, there is nothing in this record of this sort of extreme conduct in Maryland," the Court acknowledges in a footnote.

But "[t]hat does not mean that DHMH is bound to be the proverbial ostrich with its head in the sand as to what has occurred elsewhere."

A handwritten note on a Planned Parenthood license application tells DHMH to 'exclude or redact' their names from public inquiries.

The Court thus bases its argument against disclosure on speculation that, while no such violence has occurred in Maryland, there's a good chance that it *may* "cause substantial injury to the public interest" in the future.

If the Court of Appeals is concerned about "substantial injury to the public interest" in Maryland, it doesn't have to speculate about possible *future* injuries.

In his argument before the Court of Special Appeals, Glenn cited five Maryland Board of Physician cases since 1991, all involving women who died or were seriously injured at the hands of abortionists.

The Board also charged three more abortionists with violating the law at Steven Brigham's secret abortion clinic in Elkton.

Maryland pro-life watchdogs like Glenn have learned through bitter experience not to accept the State's assurances that "we've got it under control, just trust us."

They've seen too much chumminess between the State and the abortion industry.

In 2013, for example, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland presented its Leadership Award to Maryland Health Secretary Joshua Scharfstein, thanking him for his role in protecting abortion clinics during the writing and implementing of Maryland's new abortion clinic regulations.

More evidence of this chumminess: a handwritten note on the top of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC-Silver Spring's application for a surgical abortion facility license:

"Exclude or redact 'Agency email address' and 'Name of Medical Director' from any FOIA inquiries as that information is private and release of it could impact PPMW's security."

Just who is regulating whom?

Most women going for an abortion at a surgical abortion facility have no idea who will be aborting their baby. The first time they meet their abortionist is when they look up at him/her from the operating table.

It is groups like Maryland Coalition for Life, Operation Rescue, and Defend Life who research abortionists and expose their often sickening history to an unknowing public and blissfully ignorant bureaucrats at DHMH.

The Maryland Court of Appeals, in making abortion providers a special protected class, has helped hamstring pro-life organizations' efforts to lawfully prevent such abortionists from maiming or even killing more women.

FBI, State Police pay a call on Pa. pro-lifer

What would you do if an FBI agent and a state trooper showed up at your door to "make sure you're not a threat or have any intention of doing any harm"?

Veteran Pennsylvania pro-lifer Ed Snell videotaped them on his cell phone.

Snell was not home when the two government officials first arrived at his Harrisburg home on February 5. His wife Karen told them he would be back soon, and they said they would return.

When the two came back about an hour later, Ed answered the door, cell phone in hand.

The state trooper was friendly and hearty: "Hey, Mr. Snell, how are you?"

Snell was guarded and wary.

"Good," he replied.

"I'm Trooper [name unintelligible on tape] with the Pennsylvania State Police, and this is Special Agent [name unintelligible]. She's assigned with the FBI. You got a minute?"

"No," snapped Ed.

Then he reconsidered. "Well, ask your question, I'll let you know."

"Okay, well, we're only here in reference to the activity down in Maryland, when you were pamphleting down there, and I'm just here to make sure that you're not a threat, that you have no intention of doing any harm to the doctor—that you're going to maintain and continue with your First Amendment rights—and—that's kind of why we're here."

On November 10, Snell and two other Pennsylvania pro-lifers had distributed fliers to homes and two shopping centers in Phoenix, Md., informing residents that their neigh-



Making sure you're not a threat An FBI agent (left) and a Pennsylvania state trooper visit Ed Snell at his home in Harrisburg.

bor, Jennifer E. Coles, M.D., was a "circuit rider" abortionist with Planned Parenthood who did abortions in Harrisburg and York, Pa., among other places.

"Absolutely," Snell told the trooper; he had been protesting abortion nonviolently for 27 years; "If you look at my record—I don't have anything."

"No, I don't want you to feel that just because I'm here, I'm implying that!" the trooper replied. "I *have* to be here. We've been asked to come out."

Pennsylvania law officials had gotten a complaint about Snell from someone in Maryland, he explained.

He also cautioned Snell to "be aware" that Maryland's laws may be different than Pennsylvania's regarding "stalking or something else."

"We went down, we pamphleted the place, we left. That was it," was Snell's response.

"Well, yeah, I guess that's why

we're here, just to make sure this is a First Amendment thing, and you're not planning on taking any action. That's it."

"Good," said Snell.

After a few more amenities ("I appreciate your time, Mr. Snell. Thank-you very much! You have a good afternoon."), the two-minute visit was finished.

Does Snell think the visit was meant to intimidate him?

"I think so. We're obviously making an impression. Someone high on the food chain made a complaint. They're feeling it," he said with some satisfaction.

Did the attempted intimidation work? Will he pull back on his efforts to pressure Jennifer Coles to stop committing abortions, especially in York and Harrisburg?

"Of course not," Ed replied calmly.

Snell plans to continue going to

Pro-lifers file complaint against Carhart after 4 injured in 4 months

On Sunday, March 20, six emergency responders in two emergency vehicles rushed a woman to Shady Grove Hospital from LeRoy Carhart's Germantown, Md., office, marking the fourth woman in four consecutive months to be transported by ambulance due to medical emergencies related to a late term abortion.

According to eyewitnesses, at 6:04 p.m. an ambulance transported an underage girl to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital after starting an abortion procedure earlier that afternoon.

"With this many medical emergencies happening so close together, the Maryland Board of Physicians needs to immediately suspend LeRoy Carhart's license while these unfortunate incidents are fully investigated," said Andrew Glenn, executive director of Maryland Coalition for Life

"There have been seven documented injuries and one death here in Germantown and five other serious cases from his Nebraska office. "This man is a danger to women, and it is the responsibility of the State authorities to thoroughly examine the competency of this out-of-state doctor who is nearly 75 years old."

Germantown Pregnancy Choices filed a formal complaint to the Maryland Board of Physicians on March 21 to report the medical emergencies that occurred during the last four months.

On December 15 and January 19 ambulances were documented transporting women from Carhart's office in Germantown. The February 4 ambulance emergency occurred after he stayed late to speak to a group of pro-choice medical students at Johns Hopkins University.

During the question and answer session (min. 50:55), a student commented that LeRoy Carhart's health status had come into question recently in regard to exhaustion, and questioned whether there are any regulations affecting the number of hours he could work. He admitted that he looks "too old," but denied ever being "impaired," despite working long days, seven days per week, and flying back and forth across the country.

The transporting of seven women to local hospitals from Germantown Reproductive Health Services at 13233 Executive Park Terrace in Germantown has occurred since July 2013.

In February 2013, Jennifer Morbelli died less than 24 hours after Carhart completed the abortion of her 33-week-old baby from the same office.

Carhart has been flying to Maryland to conduct late term abortions since December 2010, after his home state of Nebraska approved the Abortion Pain Prevention Act earlier that year prohibiting an abortion at or past 20 weeks.

Germantown Pregnancy Choices, which provides resources and referrals for women in crisis pregnancies, is located at 13230 Execu-

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Paramedics carry an underage client from LeRoy Carhart's abortion clinic office in Germantown to a waiting ambulance for transport to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital on March 20.

Priest to pro-lifers: These are the good old days!

Years ago, veteran pro-life warrior Joe Scheidler made a comment to Fr. Peter Ryan, SJ, that stuck with him, the priest told pro-lifers at his Defend Life-sponsored talk at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown, Md., March 18.

"He said, 'You know, Father, I think that when we get to heaven, we're going to look back and say to each other, I kind of miss the days when we had the opportunity to fight for the unborn!"

"Of course, when we're in heaven, we're not going to wish we were anywhere else—we're going to be so happy that we won't be longing for anything else," Father added.

But Scheidler still had a point, he said.

"He was really saying, this is our time, this is our opportunity to serve and make sacrifices, and even to suffer now with Jesus—and in doing that, we're building up our character and cooperating with grace."

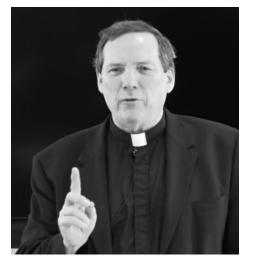
Our chance for heroism is now, declared Father: *"These* are the good old days! This is the opportunity to be the people the Lord wants us to be."

Each of us has different gifts to bring to the fight. How we are called to serve depends on those gifts and the particular needs that we are confronted with, he pointed out.

"Many of you have sacrificed to save unborn babies and help their mothers; some of you may even have spent time in jail for rescues."

Ryan's own mother went to jail for taking part in rescues, he said.

"My brother Bill did rescues too, but he had to forego jail and leave our mother there; he was a



In a culture that ridicules chastity and encourages sexual immorality, pro-lifers have a great opportunity to heroically serve Jesus, says Fr. Peter Ryan, SJ.

diocesan priest in Washington, DC, and had to get out to say Mass."

Father Ryan never did rescues. But he was moderator of the student pro-life group at Loyola College in Baltimore when he was an assistant professor of theology there from 1994-2001.

"We got lots of pro-life speakers—which Defend Life paid for," he joked.

Father also did some sidewalk counseling. Often, it could be discouraging, he admitted.

"I would usually say, 'You don't want to go in there, you don't want them to take your child! We want to help you.'

"They would give me a disgusted look, or more often, not look at me at all.

"But one woman, when I said, 'You don't want to go in there,' she looked at me and said, 'You know, you're right!""

It was a shock to get that response, said Father. She told him that when she got up that morning, she prayed that someone would stop her and that God would somehow prevent her from going through with the abortion.

"The Lord moved her heart and she kept her baby," he recalled. "It's a wonderful thing for the Lord to use you to save the life of a child."

What is the most effective way to end abortion?

"I think, by living chastely," said Ryan. "If everyone lived out their sexuality as God wants, there wouldn't be any abortions."

But people view the Church's teachings on sexual morality negatively, as just a bunch of prohibitions.

"Those who don't know the faith—the whole secular world—tend to reject these teachings," said Father.

They might be attracted to the Church with its reward of heaven, but they're likely to turn away when they learn the cost of discipleship. Instead, they'll try to get their satisfactions here on earth.

"It's hard to teach sexual morality in our culture now, when the culture has no taboos against sexual immorality," he conceded.

"In fact, it actually *encourages* unchastity! Our culture tells us that no one can be celibate for long; that chastity is unnatural and impossible and perhaps even harmful to us."

Opponents deride abstinence programs, jeering, "*Everyone's* going to have sex!" said Ryan.

In this atmosphere, it's easy for young people to give in to sexual temptation without guilt, rationalizing, "If I can't help myself, it must not be my fault!" he said. So the focus turns from trying to avoid non-marital sex to trying to avoid its consequences—with the use of contraception and abortion.

It can be hard even for dedicated pro-lifers to fully grasp the Church's teachings on sexual morality—especially on exactly why sexual acts separated from the possibility of procreation are wrong.

But Father Ryan is well-qualified to clarify those teachings.

Following his stint at Loyola, Ryan was a professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg for eleven years.

In 2013 he was named executive director for Doctrine for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In this position, he acts as a watchdog over Catholic theologians regarding the upholding of Church teaching.

The Jesuit priest, who holds a licentiate and doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University, Rome, is reportedly known for his adherence to Church teaching on marriage and sexuality.

"The Church is up against a 'dualism' or 'separatist' understanding of human sexuality," Father explained.

"According to this view, the personal significance of sex is limited to its unitive, or relational aspect its ability to enable persons to become united and share friendship."

This view sees the procreative aspect of human sexuality as of no value in itself: a person *assigns* value only if he decides he wants to conceive children.

Separating the unitive from the procreative aspect has serious implications, said Father.

"If you think that personal value is limited to the unitive or relational aspect, then sexual union, if it involves mutual consent, if it expresses affection, if it's tender, caring and sensitive, then it's morally acceptable."

Of course, many pre-marital, extra-marital and homosexual relationships seem to fulfill these criteria, so any sexual act could be construed as a positive thing.

"Dualists think that contraception is a great break-through because, they say, it frees the personal meaning of sexual union from what they regard as the tyranny of biological process." observed Ryan.

Thus, the Church's teachings on contraception and moral val-

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ues seem arbitrary and unrealistic, "given down from on high to make people miserable."

The Church, however, upholds the "integralist" understanding of the human person based on its underlying view of the person.

Separatists view the person's body as not really integral to the person.

"It is only a shell, an instrument to be used in whatever way the underlying person, the conscious self, decides," explained Father.

"It follows that sexual differentiation as male and female is merely biological and bodily, and therefore not terribly important."

By contrast, the Church's underlying understanding of the human person is that he is an integrated unity of body and soul.

"The body is not sub-personal but rather is constitutive *of* the person: I don't *have* a body; I *am* a body.

"The human person is not a sexually undifferentiated human being; he or she is a sexual being through and through!"

This view is borne out in Scripture. When God created Man, He did not create a consciousness and then add a body. Rather, Genesis 1:27 says that in creating Man, "Male and female He made them."

"Properly understood, the procreative is part of the unitive; the man and woman are truly united bodily in a way that enables them to experience their oneness only when they engage in a reproductive-type act," said Father.

True bodily unity can only happen when a couple's act is of the kind that, under the right circumstances, could bring another person into existence. Each must complete the other, and that only happens in the marriage act, he maintained.

A complete coming together of a man and woman is impossible unless you have the consent and commitment of marriage, said Ryan.

"You can't do it through extramarital, premarital, or homosexual acts."

Christianity recognizes that the body is really personal, not just an instrument or an object.

For Christianity, with its doctrine of bodily resurrection, the body has unqualified value as part of a Kingdom that is going to last forever, said Ryan.

"It's in no one's interest to settle for fragmentary happiness in this world through halfway measures such as sex outside of marriage.

"Instead, through union with Christ, man—male and female can rediscover the nuptial meaning of the body."

Book Review

The no-holds-barred war on the American family

By Diane Levero

Like most people active in the pro-life movement, I'm well aware that the American family is in sorry shape.

We know that:

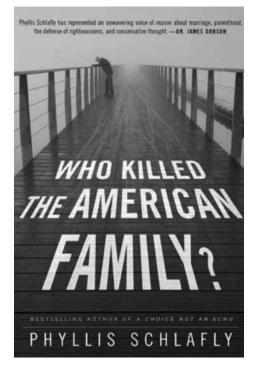
- The number of American babies born out of wedlock rose from 4% in 1950 to 41% by 2010. Broken down, the rates are 29% for whites, 53% for Hispanics, and 73% for African-Americans.
- An estimated 40-50% of first marriages, and 60% of second marriages end in divorce.
- 43% of American children are growing up in homes without their own fathers.
- Men—especially fathers—are ridiculed and degraded by the American media and America's culture in general.
- More young adults today are getting married at a later age or not getting married at all.

My initial reaction to the title of Phyllis Schlafly's latest book, *Who Killed the American Family*? was, I already know who: the liberals, the feminists, the homosexual activists, the sexual libertines, etc., etc., etc. What more can Schlafly tell me?

A lot, it turns out.

Schlafly brings a lot to the table. An activist political conservative, attorney, Catholic, mother of six, and author of 23 books, Schlafly is probably best known for successfully leading the fight to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1970s against the feminists, most of Congress and the universities, and the entire media.

Aided by decades of keen observation and experience (she was 89 when she wrote *Who Killed?* in 2014!), Schlafly examines issues affecting the American family that others have missed—or at least, for the most part, ignored.



She starts right off with an eyeopener in Chapter 1, describing the nuclear family.

We all know about the nuclear family: Mom, Dad, kids living together. Works pretty much the same everywhere, right?

Well, no. Up until the 1950s, there was the nuclear family, American-style: Mom, Dad and kids, yes—but the Strict Father model. Dad is the head of the household. Christian ideals prevail.

Schlafly quotes Professor George

Lakoff: "The strict father expresses devotion to his family by supporting and protecting them, but just as importantly by setting and enforcing strict moral bounds and by inculcating self-discipline and self-reliance through hard work and self-denial...

"[T]here is no depending on government. Keeping government out of family life promotes hard work, ingenuity, perseverance, and especially individual liberty."

Strong family structures exist all over the world, but the nuclear family developed only in Western Europe during the last millennium, the author explains.

America imported the nuclear family from Western Europe, but European families were often hindered by arranged marriages, rigid inheritance rules, household authority that included the extended family, and family clans and rivalry resulting from the pervasive practice of marriage between cousins.

The American nuclear family dropped these cultural barnacles, allowing a better form of the nuclear family to prosper.

Schlafly also details how much of the non-Western world (China, India, and many Muslim countries) has "family values," but they include practices that harm the family, such as negative interference from extended family members as well as lack of respect toward women resulting in wife-beating, other forms of cruelty, and even murder of wives in conflicts over dowries.

Studies repeatedly show that





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At a recent talk by **Father Peter Ryan, S.J.,** a long-time friend, I made a heartfelt plea. At least one person responded and said he would help. **I pray YOU will be glad to help as well!**

DEFEND LIFE faces an *armada of obstacles*, but let me tell you about what is by far the **most significant one**. Since 1987, **DEFEND LIFE** has brought the most outstanding speakers in our entire movement to parishes and schools in our area. See page 19 of the March-April 2015 issue at *DefendLife.Org* for a list of just a few of these great speakers. In addition, we have provided these speakers **ABSOLUTELY FREE** to parishes because of wonderful donors like **YOU!**

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The **BAD NEWS** is this. There are well **over 200 parishes** in our region that have not yet hosted one of our superb speakers! **Why is this important?** Because, our speakers will provide the **spark** for serious **PRO-LIFE** activity at these parishes. This grows our movement! **It hastens the day when abortion will be but a terrible memory in America's history!**

Here are examples of some obstacles we face.

- At a fairly new parish in our area, the founding pastor was asked by a **PRO-LIFE** activist if he could organize such an effort. The pastor said **NO!** My activist friend **persisted** and went to the parish council who overrode the pastor. For **15** years, he headed the **PRO-LIFE** committee.
- At another area parish the Monsignor who had been there forever actually disbanded the **PRO-LIFE** committee.
- A new pastor was named when this Monsignor finally retired. A long-time friend of this new pastor, who had known him from his youth, approached him about having one of our speakers. *He answered he didn't want to do anything for a year.* Effectively, he said **NO**!
- Another pastor when approached recently said that he wanted to focus on fighting **assisted suicide** in Annapolis. That is very admirable, but are we not capable of fighting both abortion and assisted suicide? **Can we not walk and chew gum at the same time?**
- Another common excuse we have heard repeatedly over the years goes like this: **Is the speaker you are offering on the approved list of Archdiocesan's speakers?** We've been trying to find that list for years but so far it has eluded us. We finally concluded that **no such list exists!**

So here is what I am asking **YOU** to do: Please serve on our **DEFEND LIFE** Advisory Council. As such, you will have **one simple duty**. Once a year, try to open the door for one of our Lecture Tour speakers at just **one** of the **more than 200 parishes** in the Archdioceses of **Baltimore** and **Washington** plus the Dioceses of **Arlington**, **Wheeling-Charleston**, and **Harrisburg** that are **not listed above**.

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Please let me know I can count on you to help by simply e-mailing me or just calling me.



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Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames, Director 410-337-3721 Jack@DefendLife.org

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Enclosure

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children do best on all measures in a nuclear family with their own mother and father.

In general, they:

- live longer, healthier lives, both physically and mentally.
- do better in school.
- are more likely to graduate and attend college.
- are less likely to be in trouble with the law.
- are less likely to drink or do drugs.
- are less likely to be violent or sexually active.

And strong nuclear families result in a strong, prosperous nation, says Schlafly.

"The American nuclear family made America great," she declares without apology.

Schlafly hits all the bases, describing dozens of enemies who have worked relentlessly to destroy the American family, including Marxism, feminist radicals like Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem, homosexual activists, the United Nations, and the Democrat Party.

She also explores their means of doing so: liberal divorce law, welfare entitlements, tax incentives *not* to get married, tax penalties for *get-ting* married, women's studies, public schools, TV, the hook-up culture, the

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war on boys, the war on college men, and the so-called child "experts."

To name a few.

One of Schlafly's most enlightening discussions, for me, was her thorough coverage of how family courts, supposedly working to protect "the best interests of the child" in divorce cases, actually help further destroy families and deprive children of their fathers.

Who Killed? is not all Debbie Downer handwringing, however. The final chapter outlines steps we must take to restore strong nuclear families.

Schlafly's last recommendation is that we must reject "judicial supremacy"—the false concept that lower courts and the U.S. Supreme Court can legislate new laws for the nation "from the bench."

Who Killed the American Family? was written and published after the Supreme Court struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), but *before* the Court legalized same-sex "marriage" in 2015.

It's sad to read the final page in which Schlafly urges us to fight tyranny by the Supreme Court, knowing what the author didn't know then.

But Pope Leo XIII said that Catholics "were born for battle." If a feisty, outspoken 91-year-old lady can keep on fighting for children, marriage and family, I guess we can too.



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The times, they are a-changin'—and so are the tactics

Back in 1984, Father Paul CB Schenck, now director of the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg, was the young pastor of an Evangelical congregation in Buffalo, N.Y.

"A married couple came to me with marital problems," he told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored talk at Christ the King Catholic Church in Towson February 18.

"In our discussions, the young woman said that when she was 16, she had had an abortion."

She went to her mother, who took her to their pastor, who advised her to get an abortion. Her mother took her to an abortionist.

Abortion was an unfamiliar subject to the neophyte pastor. Having no idea what to do, he advised the couple to get some counseling.

"When I was growing up, in our family we did not discuss abortion any more than we would have discussed cannibalism!" he explained.

"It took me three more years to understand that there was a great plague threatening our society."

That realization came when his assistant pastor, in 1987, told him he was going to Cherry Creek, N.J., with Operation Rescue.

When he came back, he reported that there were many arrests, and the abortion clinic was shut down for quite some time.

Father Schenck commended the assistant pastor, but told him not to talk openly about it, because they might lose parishioners.

After this shaky start in the prolife movement, Schenck decided to look into things for himself, and went to an Operation Rescue meeting.

"I came back challenged and inspired," he recalled. Thus began decades of fervent pro-life activism and leadership, which led to time spent in federal prison, a Supreme Court appeal that struck down floating buffer zones at abortion sites, his conversion to Catholicism, and his eventual ordination as a Catholic priest.

When Schenck returned from the meeting, he promoted Operation Rescue in his congregation and organized a group of clergy.

"Within a year, we had seventy or so clergy committed to the res-



Pro-life strategies that may have worked in the past are giving way to young pro-life leaders' savvy approaches for saving babies, says Father Paul CB Schenck.

cues and several hundred people volunteering," he said.

The volunteers went to the seven abortion clinics in their small town. They passed out pro-life literature and religious tracts, and offered spiritual counseling as well as financial and other support.

"It was peaceful and ecumenical," said the priest. "The main, overriding objectives were to save the child's life, spare the mother agony, try to keep family relationships intact, and to win souls."

Their efforts proceeded that way for two years.

"During that time, many, including myself, were arrested from time to time," he said.

At one of the most active abortion mills in the city, they showed up one morning with a school bus filled with rescuers and sat down in front of the door. The police arrived and, using bullhorns, ordered them to disperse.

"The officer who arrested me was one of my two head ushers," said Schenck. "He said, 'Pastor, I don't want to do this!' I said, Warren, you must do what you have to do."

Father went on to help organize a huge national campaign in Buffalo.

"We laid the groundwork for a very complex event—over 3,000 people took part over 3½ months," he recalled. "More than 600 people were arrested. The clinics were closed more than they were open."

The abortion businesses went to state court for a restraining order.

"The first judge was a faithful Catholic and wouldn't give them any relief," said Father.

"So they went judge-shopping and found a federal judge who gave them everything they asked for.

"By the time I was in federal prison, I had racked up \$40,000 in fines."

Schenck, trying to be helpful, suggested to the prosecutors, "What about a public hanging?"

"They didn't think that was funny."

Eventually, even the Catholic bishop of Buffalo, Edward Head, had joined the pro-lifers.

But along the way, their objec-

tives had shifted, Father recalled.

They had begun the movement to save babies, spare women from agony, and win souls.

"Now, the objectives became to spare the babies from abortion, to win souls, and to get publicity and financial support: We have to win! We can't lose!

"We started to curry political favor, have favorable things said about us by politicians and celebrities."

Factions formed and began to bicker about strategies.

"This strange inversion began taking place," said Father. "The sense of success shifted from a life saved, a mother saved, to the next political victory."

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an abortion in which she was given a medication to which she was allergic.

The suit was settled out of court for a reported \$1.5 million.



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301-722-4624 www.chco-online.org Edward W. Taylor, Jr., President The passage of the federal FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) Act in 1994, with its onerous fines and prison penalties, was the death sentence for the rescue movement, said the priest.

"Many humbled hearts went back to the clinics to peacefully pray and sidewalk counsel."

With the death of conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and uncertainty about who will be his successor, some may feel that all is lost, said Schenck.

"But the new, young vanguard of pro-life leadership is enormously effective.

"You saw the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood [by the Center for Medical Progress] that brought a billion-dollar operation to its knees. The oldest member of that operation was 26; the youngest was 19!"

Other pro-life organizations led by young activists, such as Students for Life, are keeping the issue of life "front and center" on college campuses and elsewhere, he noted.

Veteran pro-lifers "need to pat them on the back, and give them advice when they ask for it," he advised.

"There are and always will be political limitations," Father observed. "Political promises are just that—political promises.

"But whatever happens in this crazy election, we need to remain faithful."

Crying at the window

Reaching out personally to abortion-minded women at the nowclosed Hillcrest clinic in Catonsville has always been extremely difficult, since there is no way to know which of the many women who enter the building each day may be going in for an abortion.

But the 40 Days participants hope that their presence, their signs and their prayers are having a positive effect.

"We've had positive honks" from drivers and other signs of support, said Frazer.

A small, poignant incident on February 12, the third day of the campaign, let them know that their efforts were not going unnoticed.

"A lady was looking out at us from a sixth-floor window," Kim recalled. "We could clearly see that she was crying."

The pro-lifers motioned for her to come down and talk with them. Minutes later, she came out of the building and walked over to them.

"What can we do to help you? What do you need?" they asked.

"All I need is prayers," the woman replied tearfully.

They assured her that they would pray for her.

"We gave her a Bible, rosary, and crucifix," said Kim. "She seemed very pleased."

Then she left in a car.

"She never told us her story," said Kim.

With the abortion mill closed but expected to open again soon, "We're proceeding with the campaign," said the campaign director.

"The clinic has been here for 43 years. "I guess we're asking for a miracle!"

Although the spring 40 Days for Life Campaign has ended, area prolifers will continue their peaceful sidewalk vigil throughout the year. They welcome volunteers. Email vigilbaltimore@gmail.com for contact information.

In My Humble Opinion

What's homosexuality got to do with abortion?

By Janet Baker

As I read the excellent lead article in the January-February *Defend Life* ("Say it ain't so, Father Joe!"), the one exposing the rot at St Matthew's along with the Baltimore chancery's refusal to address the matter, I could envision why some readers might question the inclusion of such information in a publication aimed at combatting abortion.

On the surface, it appears not to have much to do with the slaughter of babies.

I beg to differ, for two reasons.

My first reason deals with the relationship between abortion and homosexuality.

I trust that most Catholic readers are familiar with Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. It was written to defend the teachings of Jesus Christ against contraception.

At that time (1968) there were distinct rumblings in society pushing for rebellion against Christian marriage, family life, and sexual conduct.

Humane Vitae set forth the case for adherence to Christ's teachings, listing a whole litany of evils that would result if contraception usage were allowed and it became rampant.

In 1968, when the encyclical was promulgated, most of these evils did not exist on a large-scale basis. Most civilized societies worthy of the name criminalized such conduct.

These evils all had to do with separating sexual conduct from its normal contexts of marriage, family life, and the procreation of children.

Chief among them is the slaughter of unborn babies via abortion. Another, though, is homosexuality.

The "gay advocates" not only seek to have their perverted conduct permitted; they want to see faithful Catholics and other moral people acquiesce to their wills and facilitate their crimes against nature.

Abortion and homosexuality stem from the same rotten root of contraception, the rupturing of the relationship between proper sexual conduct in marriage and the procreation of children.

Advocates of abortion and homosexual perversions, well-aware of this connection, publicly support each other's positions.

The advocates of these crimes, both of abortion and homosexual perversions, are well aware of this connection. That is why they support each other's positions in the public eye.

Perhaps such alliances were in the mind of Pope St. John Paul II as he wrote his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*.

My second reason deals with the Church's role in combatting the culture of death.

In *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope John Paul warned of the culture of death and how it must be replaced with the culture of life. Obviously the Catholic Church must play a key, if not leading, role in this effort as she lends her authority as the One True Church of Jesus Christ.

However, she is hindered from doing so when so many of her members, and especially her leaders, are compromised by their own enabling, if not actual participation in the culture of death.

Such is the sickening situation that we see at St. Matthew's, where the pastor seems literally hell-bent on dragging his parishioners to eternal perdition.

Similar scenarios have been occurring in many areas of the country for quite some time now. They show no sign of abating.

But the simple truth is this: As long as the culture of death has its tentacles insinuated within Church structures and encircling many of her shepherds, we will be stymied in our efforts to bring about the culture of life.

We simply must confront the evil as it presents itself to us within the very walls of our churches, even if that means we must call out our shepherds when they betray us and our God.

The days of polite diffidence to the Roman collar have ceased. Of course we must respect the men who are in Holy Orders, but it is no mark of respect to be silent when they literally hinder souls from attaining heaven.







Praying to save babies in Waldorf

Charles County Right to Life held its monthly prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood at Gateway Plaza in Waldorf, Md., on March 12. Twentyfour prayer warriors, including nine from St. Mary's County and two from Prince George's County, prayed for an hour in peaceful protest against abortion. "Prayer works!" says Ashley Morgan. "Every time we do this, life-changing conversations and interactions take place."

Photos, clockwise from top: Natalie Cavalino holding Magdalena, Nathan Cavalino holding Tarcisius, Gina Hall with icon; (from left) Zachary Jones, Ashley Morgan, Dave Stewart; (from left) Susan Neal, Liz Marcus, Phil Pasqualle; Tarcisius Cavalino.



Letters to the Editor

Waiting for punch line

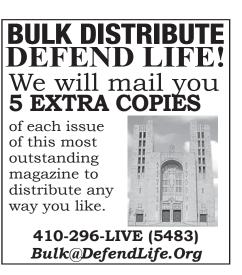
When I was reading the book review of Malachi Martin's *The Jesuits* [*Defend Life*, Jan.-Feb. 2016], I kept waiting for the punch line that never came, namely, that Pope Francis is a Jesuit.

When I started reading the review, I assumed that a review of a book published in the 1980s was intended to explain our Pope's formation. The reviewer came close when he observed, "Still, 29 years later, Martin's engrossing and perceptive account of the radical transformation of the Order is instructive and sheds light on present events."

Those who read *The Jesuits* and also James Hitchcock's *The Pope and the Jesuits* back in the 1980s knew what to expect if and when a Jesuit became pope.

Many traditional Catholics are scandalized by the Pope's doings and sayings, but they should not be surprised nor expect him to change. The fact is he was formed in the very Jesuit milieu described in those books.





Don't sit out election

Janet Baker>s column [*Defend Life*, Jan-Feb 2016, "Pro-lifers must not use political cynicism as excuse not to vote"] deserves major underlining.

It is a real mistake to sit out an election because none of the candidates meets your own personal strict criteria. Not casting a vote is the equivalent of giving *two* votes to the other guy: the one your side doesn't get, and the one the bad guy doesn't have to get!

In 2012, several million Evangelicals (and some conservative Catholics, too) sat out the election because of their visceral hatred for Mormons.

The result of their "better than thou" hubris was another term for Obama, with all the terrible consequences we have seen so far, and many more to come (especially if he gets another Supreme Court appointment). Indeed, we have been disappointed in the politics surrounding abortion issues, but that is not because we were betrayed by those we elected. Rather, it was the power of the opposition to obstruct, filibuster and bury legislation that prevented their intentions from coming true.

This is especially true in the State of Maryland, where we now have a pro-life governor but a heavily pro-abortion legislature. Rather than hold that against our candidates, we must work harder to elect more pro-life legislators.

Even in the primary, it's a foolish forfeiture of citizenship to fail to vote. There is always enough information to allow an informed choice to be made; but it's up to the voter to be attentive enough to search and find that information.

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Letters to Defend Life Director Jack Ames

Mixing gay rights, abortion

To Jack Ames:

I was very disappointed to see that the front page story of the Jan.-Feb. *Defend Life* was all about gays ["*Say it ain't so, Father Joe!* Gay is okay at St. Matthew—Archbishop mum"].

The article about Women's Care Center ["New Women's Care Center in Overlea will give women in crisis pregnancies a real 'choice'"] was on pages 4-5 and finished on page 14.

The Women's Care Center article is about abortion and should have been on page 1.

Please advise why you mixed Gay rights with abortion.

Thanks, John D. King

Jack

John, we did it because both are a part of the Culture of Death.

Hello Jack!

I always look forward to reading the articles in the DF newsletter, but was slightly taken aback when I turned the first page and saw, in the lower left corner, partially clad men in various poses when they were part of a pride parade in Baltimore.

I am not a prude, but—

Now, Jack, I am not a prude not by today's definition, anyway.

But I would be considered just that if we take a look back into the origins of the word. In the Old French, it means "honorable woman."

Yes, Jack, there are many honorable women among your readership. As such, perhaps a bit more discernment could go in to which photos are chosen to grace the pages of the otherwise informative publication.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concern.

Seeking Truth and Beauty,

Fran VanBrocklin

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Dear Fran,

I agree that the picture is terrible, but there was a Catholic parish that knowingly was in the very same parade as this float.

That is the point that our editor, Diane Levero, was trying to make.

Jack

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the Harrisburg Planned Parenthood each week and displaying a large sign with Dr. Coles' photo and the words, "Harrisburg Killer: Jennifer E. Coles Murders Children."

"For a while, she was gone from Harrisburg; another abortionist was substituting for her. But I think she's back," he said.

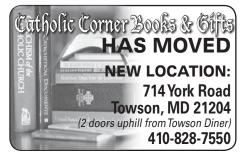
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tive Park Terrace, directly across the parking lot from Carhart's office. 301-916-5433.

See video of the March 20 incident at youtube.com/watch?v =6QeTPZCXAU0.

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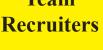


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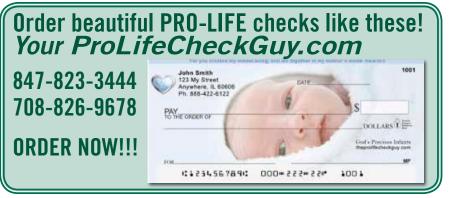
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