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Charles Countians to Big Brother: dump transgender guidelines **Speakers oppose ‘immoral’ gender identity concepts foisted on schoolkids**

The Silent Majority were silent no longer at the Charles County Board of Education public forum on October 18.

One after another, citizens stepped up to the microphone, brandishing metaphorical pitchforks of impatience, anger and frustration.

Speakers, who were allowed three minutes each, addressed the seven members of the school board and Charles County School Superintendent Kimberly Hill, who listened silently but intently to the often impassioned speeches.

The attendees at the standing room only forum, however, frequently responded to the speakers with applause, cheers, and occasional “Amen.”

All 17 speakers opposed the Charles County school board’s adoption of the Maryland State Department of Education’s “Guidelines for Gender Identity Non-discrimination.”

The 2015 MSDE guidelines call for schools to teach and promote controversial transgender identity concepts in the classroom. They also advise school personnel to keep secret from parents certain relevant information concerning their children.

The state guidelines were written with the help of numerous LGBT



Crista Fawls urges the Charles County Board of Education to reject Maryland Department of Education “Guidelines for Gender Identity Non-discrimination.”

groups, but with little knowledge or input from average citizens or parents of children in Maryland’s public schools.

A grassroots group has collected over 2,000 signatures on a petition calling for the Charles County school board to reject the state guidelines.

“We’ve been coming here [to school board meetings] for four months,” said Christopher Ogne, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bryans Road; “yet there’s been no communications from this board, no matter how

many people show up.

“The whole community is against this!” the father of four told the board members and Superintendent Hill.

“What I’ve found out is, Dr. Hill, you have the complete authority to change the implementation of this policy.

“It is time for this board to communicate to Dr. Hill how she should change this policy, in response to the citizens you swore to serve!” he asserted.

The transgender identity guidelines present “a moral challenge to

all Christians,” said speaker Chris Fawls.

“There are at least six Biblical references to the immorality of the LGBT lifestyle. As a practicing Catholic, I can’t remain silent in the face of this immorality, for I am accountable to a Higher Being, Jesus Christ!”

“The question is, who do you need to fear more, God or man?” said Eugene Kirscht of La Plata, who voiced support for the petition to reject the MSDE guidelines.

“We do not need to be afraid of this corrupt society; we do not need to be afraid of federal tyranny!” he declared.

Crista Fawls, who has seven children, six of them in Charles County public schools, said that during a working session of the school board on September 26, “You guys decided to strike out of our school policy [a section] which pertained to overnight field trips.”

The deleted section read, “Males and females are to be housed on separate wings and floors during overnight field trips.”

The MSDE guidelines state that schools should, on overnight field trips, allow students the opportunity to room with others according to their perceived gender identity.

“So, school board, I don’t need excuses,” chided Mrs. Fawls; “I know what’s common sense: keep boys and girls separate when sleeping on overnight field trips.

“You must let Dr. Hill know that she needs to change the way that she is implementing school policy!”

“We believe in equal rights; but rights for one person end where the rights of another person begin,” said speaker Thomas deSabla.

“Transgender students should not be harassed or bullied—but that doesn’t mean that their comfort in using the bathroom of their choice should trump the comfort of all the other students.”

The State’s gender identity guidelines “is a completely biased document,” deSabla charged. “It was produced with the help of Equality Maryland and other gay and lesbian advocacy groups.

“These groups have an agenda—but *their* agenda cannot become *your* agenda,” he cautioned the board.

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“You were elected to provide the best possible education for the kids in this county.

“If Kim Hill implemented this document without your approval, then you’re lax on the job. You’re accountable to *us*, not to her.

“She’s not the boss of you; you’re the boss of her, and we’re the boss of you. We elected you—so do your job!” he concluded.

“This is my fourth time coming here,” said speaker Karen Cross, a parishioner at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Bryantown. “We’re all here telling you guys we don’t want this! We have so many more important things we need to focus on.”

“It’s time for you all to take a stand,” demanded Yolanda Coleman-Brown, a mother of six with three children in Charles County schools. “I’m very upset! Let us know where you really stand!”

“Here we are again,” observed speaker Karl Prigge; “I notice that the crowds are getting bigger!”

Mr. Prigge noted that “twelve states, at least, have pushed back” on the federal government’s transgender identity directives.

“There are counties that have pushed back; there are federal appellate courts that have supported them on it.

“It does not have to be this way,” he told the board. “We’re not going away. Render a just decision!”

“Right now, the federal directive for Maryland schools to allow transgender students access to facilities of the opposite sex is on hold, pending the Supreme Court decision on a lawsuit in Virginia,” said Charles County resident Janet Beck.

Beck, Karen Cross and Pastor Ogne have worked to drive an organized effort to create the petition and have begun a website/blog, imformedparentsofcharlescounty.blogspot.com.

The petition, “Reject Gender Identity Teaching in Charles County Public Schools,” is posted at standunited.org/petition/reject-gender-identity-teaching-in-charles-county-public-schools.

A video of the Charles County Board of Education October 18 meeting can be viewed at beta.ccboe.com/ccboetv/videos=board-meeting-october-19-2016. (The public forum section begins at about 245 minutes on the video.)

Jail time brings home what matters for Eric Scheidler

“Depend upon it, sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully,” penned British writer Samuel Johnson.

Although Eric Scheidler knew there was no possibility of hanging, his very first arrest and jailing for pro-life activities in Chicago, in April 2015, did “concentrate his mind wonderfully”—in a startling way for the executive director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League.

As he sat in a tiny jail cell, he told his audience at his Defend Life-sponsored talk in Ellicott City October 14, “I was exhausted, hadn’t eaten in over 12 hours, and didn’t know how many more hours I might be held.”

To top it off, that night, he had planned to watch a soccer game between the U.S. and Mexico with his brother.

“I was praying a lot, saying the rosary, singing some Byzantine chants” from the liturgy at St. George Byzantine Catholic Church in Aurora, Ill., where he was a cantor.

“But I didn’t feel like I was being persecuted for the Kingdom, like St. Paul,” he admitted. “I was bored and tired.

“At one point, I thought, I should be offering this up for the babies.” Instead, he confessed, “I became angry with the babies; I thought, I’m tired of you!”

In other words, he explained, he had “sibling resentment.”

As the oldest of seven children, Scheidler knows all about sibling resentment, which he experienced close-up in fights with his brother.

“No one can get under your skin like your brother!” he declared.

And that’s the point he was try-



Eric Scheidler shouts to fellow pro-lifer Matt Yonke, who snaps this photo as Scheidler is handcuffed at the Navy Pier in Chicago.

ing to make.

“We have to think about these unborn children like they really *are* our brothers and sisters”—even to the point of getting mad at them when they make us miss a U.S.-Mexico soccer game.

“That’s the only way we’re going to end abortion.”

Eric was six years old when his dad, Joe Scheidler, quit his day job at a prestigious advertising company to work full-time as a pro-life activist.

Although Joe had already been active in the pro-life movement, it became personal for him when he saw a photo in a flyer of a garbage dumpster filled with bodies of aborted babies.

“One of those babies reminded my father of my baby picture,” said Eric.

“At that moment, abortion went from being an issue, a moral question, a political or ethical concern, and became personal for him.”

Eric, who followed his dad into

pro-life activism, experienced a similar moment of enlightenment when his daughter Ada (the sixth of his eight children) was born.

“She looked like Baby Malachi—that poor little baby aborted at 21 weeks whose picture is on the signs we display.

“I thought, this is so unfair; why can’t I just enjoy the beauty of my baby girl? Why do I have to think about abortion?”

That thought was quickly followed, however, with the sober realization, “Somebody has to.”

Scheidler’s arrest

Eric was arrested at Chicago’s Navy Pier, a three-quarter-mile-long pier on Lake Michigan that houses 50 acres of parks, shops, restaurants and other facilities.

On April 15 last year, Planned Parenthood was holding its annual Generations Gala at the pier’s Grand Ballroom.

The Navy Pier is actually government property, but is leased to a private entity, so Pro-Life Action set up its protest signs of aborted babies at the entrance to the pier, on public property—"to show people what Planned Parenthood was *really* celebrating at their gala," said Scheidler.

Eric was a seasoned pro-life protester who knew the law and had no intention of getting arrested.

"This was our third year of protest at the gala, so we knew what to do" and how to stay within the law, said the pro-lifer.

"Once we were all set up, I decided to walk out onto the pier, to see if there was any buzz about what we were doing," he said.

A security guard stopped him. "You can't go any further," he ordered.

"Why not?" said the pro-lifer.

"Aren't you with them?" said the guard, pointing to the protesters.

"Yep, I am. Why is that a problem?"

"You can't go onto the pier," he insisted.

"I can't go on the pier because I'm pro-life?" Scheidler countered disbelievingly.

"Those are my instructions."

But when the guard realized that Scheidler was taping their exchange on his belt camera, he radioed his supervisor, who said Scheidler could go on the pier as long as he didn't carry any signs.

The guard waved him by. Scheidler, to be on the safe side, removed his "Choose Life" cap.

At the end of the long walkway, a woman with a clipboard, "probably from Planned Parenthood," approached and told him, "This area is closed for a private event."

Without a word, Scheidler turned around and started heading back along the pier.

Shortly afterwards, a security van came tearing up the drive toward him, its lights flashing. It passed him by, then turned and started slowly following him.

At the end of the pier, a Chicago police officer asked for his ID card, and when he lawfully refused, grabbed his arm, handcuffed him with help from a pier security guard, and placed him under arrest.

He was charged with criminal trespass.

At his trial, as the prosecution was winding up its case, the judge asked one question of a prosecution

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witness: "Was he [Schneider] carrying a placard?"

"No, Your Honor," the witness replied.

"Not guilty," said the judge.

"The judge found me not guilty without us calling a single witness; that's how flimsy the state's case was," said Scheidler.

Why we fight

For pro-lifers who have protested year after year holding the graphic signs of aborted babies, "The signs can become a piece of our equipment, one of our tools, an arsenal of our trade," Scheidler acknowledged.

"You *do* have to develop a thick skin about it; you can't be weeping all the time."

But sometimes, you have to feel the sorrow, he said.

"Every single unborn child is a human being. Every single one is made in the image of God. Every

single one of them is our brother or sister."

We have a tendency to put the emphasis on the wrong things, he pointed out.

"We talk about how harmful abortion is to women, and that's true, and it's a story that needs to be told.

"We talk about the evil of the abortion industry—the lies and corruption and malpractice of Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities, the way they defraud the government, the way they exploit women and the bodies of these children for profit. That's an important message too."

But the reason we fight against abortion is the unborn child.

"The unborn child is a mystery. When he or she is born, the child reveals a mystery that goes to the mystery of God Himself," said Scheidler.

Like God, "The unborn child simply *is*. The value of a child is in their *being*—not in what they can do, or what they can't do, or who they might be or might not be."

The only way we can end abortion is to make these children human for the rest of our society in every way we can, including by showing their pictures in the public square boldly and courageously.

"We need to prayerfully contemplate the relationship each of us has with these unborn children, and really draw them into our hearts as our brothers and sisters who reveal to us who we really are."

(A footnote: speaking of brothers and brotherly love, when Eric finally got released from jail, he said, "I found out my brother had saved the soccer game for me.

"I went over to his house—it was about 11 p.m.—and watched the U.S. beat Mexico."

And ate a sandwich his brother had fixed for him.)

‘A’ is for Abortion at Johns Hopkins Bayview on Wednesdays

Wednesday is Abortion Day at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in southeast Baltimore, where “pregnancy terminations” of up to 24 weeks are routinely committed.

Ironically, the abortions take place in “A” Building, an older, bleak-appearing structure on Mason Lord Drive in the Bayview complex.

Defend Life has held protests on the third Wednesday of each month since June 2015 (“Defend Life outs Hopkins Bayview’s clandestine abortion mill,” *Defend Life*, July-August 2015).

The demonstrators routinely display a large banner and signs, and hand out flyers.

At the October 19 protest many motorists, including a Fed Ex driver, rolled down their windows to accept a flyer.

“That’s terrible!” exclaimed one motorist who accepted a flyer from Linda Bocklage.

A sympathetic middle-aged couple were worried that Bocklage



Linda Cox (right) and Linda Bocklage pray and demonstrate at Johns Hopkins Bayview against the medical center’s abortion practice.

and the others might be arrested for demonstrating on Hopkins Bayview property.

She assured them that the pro-lifers were within the law because the part of Bayview Boulevard on which they were demonstrating is a public

street.

Defend Life Director Jack Ames, holding a graphic sign of an aborted baby in the median strip, did not garner similar sympathy from a passing pedestrian.

“You’re wrong!” she yelled. “God gives us the right to choose whether to have a baby!”

When Ames tried to respond, she refused to listen, shouting, “There’s no point in talking to you—you have a closed mind!”

An unsmiling woman in a sleek, high-end car rolled down her window to tell Bocklage in a condescending manner, “I want you to know that Johns Hopkins saved my son’s life.”

“Very good,” said Bocklage. Then she pointed to one of the aborted-baby signs: “Now how about saving *these* babies’ lives?”

Two uniformed Hopkins Bayview Security guards stood watch, along with a plainclothes Bayview security official, during the peaceful demonstration.



A driver takes a brochure from Linda Bocklage that describes how Hopkins Bayview commits abortions through the second trimester.

Helping moms and dads to be good parents:

By Bob Brown

Earlier this fall, John and Susan (not their real names) were desperate. With several children already at home, Susan found out she was pregnant.

This unexpected challenge and other pressures sent John into depths of despondency he hadn't experienced before. The family was in crisis, one that a few words on paper can't adequately describe. Abortion seemed like the quick fix.

Providentially, they had just begun taking a parenting class at Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Center in Aberdeen, Md. Through nothing short of a joyous miracle, Mary chose life for her baby, and John turned his life over to Christ.

"This has gone far beyond what we ever imagined," said Karen Wilson, director of Alpha's Glory for the last half of the center's 26-year existence. "But more than a 'crisis' center, we are a 'resource' center."

Alpha's Glory offers all of the



Sheila Funk, office manager, and Director Karen Wilson man an information table for Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Center at a Church Mission fair.

free goodies and services one typically finds at a crisis pregnancy center: supplies for newborns, infants, and toddlers; pregnancy testing; a new post-abortion counseling program called Secret Garden Min-

istries; and mentoring.

But it's a parenting class, technically different from the mentoring program, that's really taking off. This is because some parents find themselves under a court order to obtain a certificate in parenting, and Alpha's Glory is one outlet officially deemed suitable to provide the certificate.

For a variety of reasons (including neglect, abuse, and mental injury), children may be removed from the home; parents must participate in a certified parenting class to get their kids back.

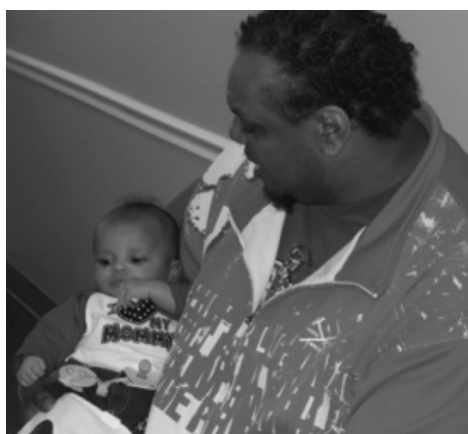
Heroin addiction—ravaging many communities throughout the country, including Harford County—is one circumstance in which parents might temporarily lose custody of their children. (For years, a large sign outside Bel Air's state



Volunteers Cathy Rutherford (left) and Linda Fournier get ready to put away donated diapers at Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Center.

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Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Center goes the extra mile



Alpha's Glory alumni

Among the many moms, dads and babies Alpha's Glory has helped out are: (clockwise, from top right) The twins, Imogene and Everleigh; Kim and baby Nolan with their Counselor, Helen Derkowski; Olivia and her baby girl; Daddy with his little girl; baby Nathaniel with his parents.





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*December 8, 2016 Anno Domini
Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

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

This year, we have been blessed once again with a **\$15,000 Christmas \$ for \$ Matching Grant** offered by a small group of generous persons whom I can never thank enough!

In very simple terms, this means that anything you donate between now and **December 31 will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$15,000**. Your donation of **\$100** becomes **\$200**, **\$250** becomes **\$500**, and so forth! Please give generously. When deciding how much to give, remember this... **Almighty God is never outdone in generosity!**

Here is some of what DEFEND LIFE did with your support in 2016:

Sponsored **12** different world-class **PRO-LIFE** speakers who spoke to **31** different audiences as part of our **Lecture Tour** and our **16th Annual Face the Truth Tour**.



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Congressman Andy Harris



Ambassador Allan Keyes



David Bereit



Eric Scheidler



Fr. Dennis Wilde, O.S.A.



Fr. Anthony Mastroeni

In September, we also co-hosted with Delaware Right to Life a **National Day of Remembrance** event for **35** late trimester abortion victims who are buried in Elkton, Maryland. In December, we once again sponsored Christmas Caroling at Union Station in America's Capitol City. Our 16th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour was outstanding. We had a record **24** Core Team Members including **18 Home Schooled High School Students**. We distributed over **25,000** copies of **DEFEND LIFE**. We distributed hundreds of **PRO-LIFE** T-Shirts.

Paul Augustine Likoudis — RIP

Paul was born in Buffalo, but grew up in Watkins Glen, New York where he served as an altar boy. Paul is survived by his wife Paulette, 6 children, 6 grandchildren, and his parents Jim and Ruth. I have known his father Jim Likoudis, president of Catholics United for the Faith (**CUF**) since my days in Richmond, Virginia, way back in the 1960s and '70s. Jim helped us sustain our local CUF chapter in Richmond as well as leading





the battle for **good catechisms** and against the evils of **sex ed** all across America.

Paul was a great Catholic journalist, perhaps the greatest Catholic journalist of our age. He was fearless and prolific in his writings. He was working in Northern Maine digging holes for guard rails along a new stretch of U.S. Route 1 when he heard about the election of now Saint John Paul the Great as Pope. When John Paul spoke to **200,000** persons in Saint Peter's Square, **his words struck a deep chord** in Paul.

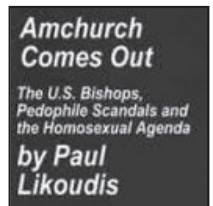
In 1990, he became the news editor for **The Wanderer**, the oldest independent, lay-edited national Catholic newspaper in America. Paul was a regular reporter at the bi-annual Bishop's Meetings. His presence at these meetings was often about **as welcome as the plague**.

Paul regularly reported on such issues as the **homosexual incursion into the priesthood, contraception, liturgical abuses** (which were rampant), and the **PRO-LIFE** movement.

In 2002, Paul wrote **Am Church Comes Out**, an exposé of the homosexual infestation of The Church. Paul wrote an extensive series of articles on how then Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany and then Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester had wreaked havoc on their respective dioceses.

Paul Likoudis was more than a great journalist, he was a great scholar. He once shared with C. J. Doyce of Massachusetts-based Catholic Action League that he was a disciple of the great **Hillaire Belloc** and had read more than 80 of his works.

Please consider sending a donation to Paulette, Paul's widow. Her address is **Paulette Likoudis, PO Box 236, Hector, NY 14841**.



Lisa Basarab, RIP

Lisa Basarab was probably the kindest, gentlest, most cheerful and perhaps the smartest person I have ever known. After months of intense suffering, she went to her eternal reward Monday, November 14. Among others, she is survived by her mother Wanda and her sister Daria Phair. Here are a few facts about Lisa:

- She was a regular at Baltimore's Planned Parenthood. She organized Saturday morning Rosary Vigils.
- She would lead the Rosary. When announcing **The Ascension** – the Second Glorious Mystery – she would pause – and then say **Mission Accomplished!**
- Her dear friend Mary Goia said that Lisa convinced a security guard at PP to leave his position there because such work **was not helpful to the salvation of his immortal soul**.
- Mary also said that Lisa had been responsible for the reversion of a former Catholic priest who had become deeply interested in **Eastern Orthodoxy**. Lisa got him back on the right track and he returned to his Catholic Faith before his death.
- Lisa knew numerous foreign languages. While traveling, Mary Goia remembers a wonderful conversation Lisa had with a gentleman in Venice while speaking solely in Italian.
- She was extremely generous, treating less fortunate friends to concerts, lectures and dinners. She was generous to the downtrodden, shut-ins and mentally ill. She loved **DEFEND LIFE** and was very generous to us. She hosted great annual **Epiphany** parties.
- When asked to describe herself at a class at **Johns Hopkins University** across the street from where she lived, Lisa described herself as a **Radical Evangelizing Catholic**.

Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!



Long Live Christ Our King,

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Enclosure

Physician-assisted suicide bill set for comeback try in Jan.

By Loretta Hoffman

Editor's note: Loretta Hoffman was recovering from painful back surgery in early 2015 when she got a call from a friend. "They're going to be pushing this assisted suicide bill in the General Assembly again. Can you help?"

Hoffman, a seasoned pro-life, pro-family activist, started making calls from her sickbed.

The bill was tabled in committee that year, but proponents brought it up again in the Maryland General Assembly's 2016 legislative session.

Hoffman and fellow opponents to the bill were ready. They had been meeting informally at Christ the King Catholic Church in Towson and had met with State Senator Jim Brochin and several state delegates, as well as doctors, lawyers, and even a retired judge.

Several volunteers took a course on how to testify before a legislative committee. Hoffman testified twice against the bill.

The 2016 bill again failed to make it out of committee for a vote.

Senator Brochin, who had initially favored the bill, gave credit in a letter to the ad hoc group at Christ the King for helping to change his mind and for helping to defeat the bill, said Hoffman.

It appears there will be another effort in January by legislators, backed by well-funded organizations like Compassion and Choices, to pass a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide in the State of Maryland.

This is *not* a grass-roots movement: Compassion and Choices is funded by billionaire George Soros

and other leftist liberals.

Although advocates for this law have changed its name before, it will probably be called Death with Dignity or Choices for Dying—obfuscations and misnomers for sure, as there's nothing dignified about killing yourself or helping someone else to do so.

All of these bills claim to be based on compassion for the suffering, but in reality, their true basis is the desire for personal autonomy.

Although everyone already has God-given freedom of will to choose

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whatever they wish, even suicide, there is no reason to implicate those in the medical/pharmaceutical and other health care professions by legally forcing them to disregard their consciences and comply with such a law.

Most people who pursue such professions do so because they want to help people, not kill them!

The same has always been the motivation for hospitals and elder-care groups or hospices, most of whom provide excellent and compassionate care for the sick, injured or dying.

Those who want a legal means of ending another's life have devised the misnomer of "compassion."

Historically and Biblically, true compassion has meant "to suffer with one who is suffering"—to care for them, uphold their dignity as persons created by God, to love

them, to pray with and for them, and to do good to them, not to hasten their deaths, but rather to help them to either be healed or to live out their natural lives comfortably, even if in pain, knowing that people truly care for them and show it in myriad ways through palliative care.

These efforts to create laws to help people to die started many years ago, and are part of the Culture of Death which St. John Paul II wrote about in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (the Gospel of Life).

Promoters of these pro-death laws started as the Hemlock Society, begun by Derek Humphrey, an advocate of Margaret Sanger's eugenicist philosophies of population control through destruction of undesirable persons and races.

Adolph Hitler and his followers pursued this philosophy in their outrageous policies which targeted those whom they determined to be "undesirable."

Now, such laws are promoted as "compassion" and assistance to the vulnerable people of this world, i.e., the elderly, the mentally or physically disabled of any age, including infants and/or those who have been told they have 6 months or less to live (a diagnosis which has not always been proven to be true).

As a result, people indoctrinated by groups like Compassion and Choices begin to think they have a duty to die!

Any "safeguards" included in these bills do not last for long in any state or nation where the laws are imposed. Doctors are even expected to perjure themselves when they sign death certificates as to the

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Movie Review

Film reveals Church's role in Alinsky's undermining of U.S.

By Diane Levero

"I didn't know what I was doing," says Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

But he wanted to help.

In June 1969, the young Jesuit novice, placed at Holy Family parish in Chicago, met two Jesuit priests there, Fr. Jerry Helfrich and Fr. John Palmer.

"They were working with Tom Gaudette, a disciple of Saul Alinsky," explains Pacwa.

"They wanted me to work with them, and I was happy to help them! They were trying to help poor people gain some kind of ownership in their own fate in a situation that was way beyond their ability to control."

Helfrich and Palmer explained to the novice, "You've got to choose an issue that's small enough that you can win."

Says Pacwa, "They saw the [Hispanic] street gang I was working with who needed a place to meet as that issue" on which to unite the area's Hispanic and African-American communities. But the Italian-American community was left out of the loop.

"Father Helfrich told me, 'You have to identify an enemy: who is the enemy here?'"

Following the Alinskyite playbook, the Italian-Americans were the targeted enemy.

"We set up this situation of enemies, and stirred up other enmities in the community—all with the intention of helping people."

What ensued was a nightmarish snake-pit of threats, gang fights, beatings, and the ultimate murder of two young Hispanic gang members nick-

named "Baby Face" and "Freddy Purple."

Father Pacwa's horrifying tale is part of the new documentary film, "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing."

Saul Alinsky—father of community organizing. Author of *Rules for Radicals*. Inspiration for community organizer Barack Obama and countless other political activists. Friend



Radical activist Saul Alinsky is the subject of the new EWTN documentary, "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing."

of Hillary Clinton and subject of her college thesis.

Died in 1972, right?

Wrong. Saul Alinsky is alive and well. He and his destructive legacy live on in America: in politics, in the media, in our schools and universities, in the entertainment industry, in the very moral fiber of our society—and, most chillingly, in the Catholic Church.

"A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" is a powerful and sobering presentation of the man and his influence on

America, viewed from a Catholic perspective.

The producers, Eternal Word Television Network, Arcadia Films, and City of Light Studios, employ dramatized reenactments, historic photos and film clips, and arresting visuals in a masterful retelling of Alinsky's complex and multifaceted story.

Saul Alinsky, born in 1909 of Orthodox Jewish parents, was raised a Jew, but became a self-proclaimed agnostic. As a student at the University of Chicago, he soaked up Enlightenment thinking and liberal politics.

Alinsky was greatly influenced by a course in social pathology he took in his junior year that focused on reforming American cities.

In 1939 Alinsky met and befriended Chicago Bishop Bernard Shiel, founder of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Bishop Shiel introduced him to industrial magnate Marshall Field, who helped him finance his base of operations, the Industrial Areas Foundation.

The IAF's goal was to empower the poor to wrest power from the government and society with no holds barred, using Marxist conflict theory.

"The end justifies almost any means," said Alinsky. "You do what you can and clothe it in moral garments. Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it. Make the enemy live up to its own rules."

The enemy in his first major project was his old alma mater, the University of Chicago. The issue: whether the University's Settlement

House or Alinsky's Back of the Yards Council, ostensibly created to help poor Chicago meatpackers, should house a new Infant Child Welfare Center.

With the help of Bishop Shiel, Marshal Field's *Chicago Sun* and the *Washington Post*, Alinski beat the university into submission by painting it as the rich oppressor bully and his Council as the little, poor, oppressed bullied.

Alinsky outlined his basic theory of community organizing in his first book, *Reveille for Radicals*.

"Truth is relative and changing," he wrote. "Radicals precipitate the social crisis by action. Radicals rebel.

"The real arena is corrupt and bloody. Life is a corrupting process from the time a child learns to play his mother off of his father in the politics over when to go to bed."

The documentary presents sobering evidence that the Catholic Church was a major enabler and financier in Alinsky's machinations.

Bella Dodd, a former ranking official in the Communist Party, testified before Congress in 1953 that during the 1930s and 1940s the Communist Party had plotted to infiltrate

over a thousand of its members into the Catholic priesthood.

In the 1950s Fr. Jack Egan, a young Chicago priest, emerged as a man who would become Alinsky's ideal organizer and closest collaborator.

Cardinal John Patrick Cody of Chicago opposed Alinskyian organizing and shut down Monsignor Egan's Office of Urban Affairs, thus removing Egan's means to give Alinsky financial support.

But Fr. Theodore Hesburgh,

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president of Notre Dame University, invited Egan to Notre Dame. The university became Egan's base of operations for the next 14 years.

At Notre Dame, Egan founded the Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry.

Monsignor Egan, with Alinsky supporter Fr. David Finks, designed the Campaign for Human Development as their War on Poverty program. Their plan was to raise \$50 million through an annual collection in Catholic churches throughout the U.S.

The first national CHD collection, in 1970, raised \$8.5 million, the largest annual collection in Church history at that time.

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Alinsky was hardly alone in his

campaign to destroy the cultural, moral and religious fabric of America, of course.

The documentary also outlines three powerful movements of European cultural Marxism that swept over post-World War II America: Frankfurt, Gramsci, and Fabian socialism.

"Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" is sobering, upsetting and depressing. What Alinsky and his Marxist confreres have wrought upon this country is undeniable.

Is it too late to turn the American ship of state around?

"Wolf"'s creators say no.

"God chose our Blessed Mother to be the final conqueror of Luciferian narcissism," they declare.

Beginning in the nineteenth century, "The Blessed Mother would frequently come into our wounded world to call us back to her Son before it was too late."

They point to her appearances to St. Catherine Laboré in 1830, St. Bernadette in 1848, and at Fatima in 1917.

Another sign of hope occurred in 1984, when St. John Paul II made the consecration of Russia that Our Lady asked for.

Since then, there has been an explosion of churches and monasteries in that country. Russia is restoring its civil laws to mirror God's moral laws.

"God tells us over and over again, 'Be not afraid,'" "Wolf" reminds us.

The documentary closes with comments from Dr. Alice von Hildebrand.

"Truth is not a proposition," says the Catholic philosopher and theologian: "Truth is a Person.

"We must return again to our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ."

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In My Humble Opinion

The votes have been cast; now, let's get involved

By Janet Baker

Note: The following article voices the opinions of the author. Defend Life does not take positions on elections; the following article should not be construed as an official statement of Defend Life as an organization.

By now all know that Donald Trump and Michael Pence are the president-elect and vice-president-elect respectively. There is no doubt among thinking people that on November 8, the United States of America averted a fatal disaster.

Hillary Clinton had promised to coddle the abortion industry to make it easier and more profitable for them to murder unborn children. She had promised to institutionalize homosexual perversions in our society. She had promised to marginalize Christians, and any other good people, who dared to raise their voices against these evils.

No one doubts that these are promises she would have kept.

The chattering class and pundits, by and large, expected Clinton to win the election. As the evening progressed on November 8, it grew stunningly clear to them that they had erred.

Clinton's supporters had a meltdown. At the time of this writing, many of them are rioting in the streets, led by protesters paid by George Soros.

Meanwhile, those of us who retain sanity understand that Trump's defeat of Clinton is not so much a moral victory as it is a reprieve.

The progressive juggernaut that

has been running rampant during the Obama administration has been halted (note: more damage can be done between now and January 20 if Congress doesn't stand firm).

While Trump shows favorable signs with regards to his campaign promises—particularly with regards to Supreme Court nominees—he still remains a bit of an enigma.

Clinton, however, was no enigma. So we had a choice between an enigma that promised at least some good or a certainty that pointed to horrible evil.

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The choice was a no-brainer, and by God's grace we now have at least some possibility of improvement or at least the hope that our situation won't worsen.

This election by no means is an all-encompassing cure to the evil that has infected so many sectors of our culture and society. It is an opportunity to resume work and prayer to restore respect for life and a return to Christian principles in our society.

This work must start immediately and is the responsibility of each and every person. No more do we dare satisfy ourselves with our own insular existences, focused only on our immediate situations.

I know some might say that

their family concerns leave them no time to participate in pro-life and pro-family efforts. To that I say that they must carve out some time, for if they allow evil in society to be unanswered, that evil will come crashing through their front doors (maybe literally) and lay their families to waste.

Some good people with small businesses who were determined to preserve their consciences have experienced that first-hand as gay activists have destroyed their business and livelihood.

This election has served as a wakeup call to many who had allowed themselves to exist apathetic to the larger world around them.

Now they must stay awake, active and involved. This magazine gives excellent suggestions on ways you can get and stay involved. Commit to one or several of these endeavors. Become politically involved, bearing in mind that in two years Maryland's entire government will be up for reelection.

Above all, pray in repentance for God's forgiveness and blessings.

Dr. Bill Colliton, RIP



Father of Pro-Life in Maryland!

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cause of death, i.e., saying that death occurred because of the underlying physical issues and not suicide or euthanasia.

Proponents of these laws not only try to indoctrinate people into accepting these proposals; they even infiltrate organizations and venues developed to be helpful to seniors, such as senior centers and senior expos like the one recently held at Timonium Fairgrounds.

Unfortunately, even some medical organizations have begun to consider changing their long-held positions of opposing such bills and are now considering neutral positions, which will only give a green light to those pushing physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Acceptance of physician-assisted suicide will lead to personal and family destruction—and could lead to a loss of salvation for those who choose it for themselves.

This is a pro-life issue of great magnitude. It is a “slippery slope” progression, from contraception to abortion to infanticide to physician-assisted suicide—which will rapidly morph into euthanasia (voluntary and then involuntary), as has happened in many Scandinavian and European countries and is now occurring in Canada.

Even Catholic institutions are

being affected negatively as the “State” attempts to force them to cooperate in killing people.

It is being promoted by politicians claiming it to be an answer to healthcare problems and a way to cut the high costs of health insurance.

In fact, we already know of health insurance companies denying people life-saving treatments while offering them suicide “medication” as an alternative. What is needed is the lowering of health care costs—not the killing of patients.

The magisterial teaching of the Catholic Church in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2277-78,

Pro-lifers need to demand an end to efforts to impose the Culture of Death on our fellow Marylanders.

2324-2325) and the U.S. bishops’ pamphlet, “Every Suicide is Tragic,” states that although a person need not opt for expensive or inconvenient treatments which may be futile, difficult or outrageously expensive, one may never opt for assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia.

This would not only be detrimental to one’s mental and physical health, but also to one’s spiritual

health.

This would also be the case for those who would engage in coercing another to commit suicide or participating in hastening their death.

What effect will this have on our families and society in general if this becomes the medical practice of our land?

Will this type of legislation negate organizations that try to help people to not commit suicide?

Will this legislation ultimately lead health care providers to impose involuntary euthanasia on the vulnerable in our populace?

What will happen to our inalienable right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” expressed so beautifully in the Declaration of Independence?

These are questions we must all ask ourselves before we opt for these types of laws.

I urge you to contact your Maryland delegates and senators as well as Governor Larry Hogan.

Pro-lifers need to flood their offices with letters and phone calls and demand an end to the efforts to impose a Culture of Death on our fellow Marylanders, and to work instead to build a Culture of Life and Love.

The ad hoc group against physician-assisted suicide currently meets monthly at Christ the King Church to plan strategy to oppose the passage of such a bill at the Maryland General Assembly’s 2017 session.

“We’re a Catholic group, but anyone is welcome,” says Hoffman.

“We pray about whatever issues are threatening life and how we can best address these issues.”

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Alpha's Glory serves several clients who also visit a methadone clinic located a mile up the road from its doors.

Wilson said that many local Department of Social Services and Child Protective Services social workers drive their clients to Alpha's Glory.

And in some divorce cases, where there is a custody battle, attorneys recommend that their clients pre-emptively take parenting classes to prove their parenting fitness to the judge. (The parenting class is also available to families who aren't experiencing any sort of

legal issues.)

This October alone, Alpha's Glory handled more than 80 parenting and mentoring visits.

Seeing an increasing need, Alpha's Glory recently partnered with Mountain Christian Church. In 2013, the Joppa-based church renovated a 20,000-square foot building on Route 40 in Edgewood; the church calls their Edgewood campus the Epicenter.

Mountain Christian holds church services at Epicenter on Sunday mornings, and throughout the week provides space inside without charge to different ministries: Alpha's Glory offers its parenting classes there on Wednesdays.

To meet the growing demand for parenting and mentoring classes, said Wilson, Alpha's Glory needs more counselors: male counselors, Wednesday counselors at the Epi-

center, and counselors on Tuesdays and Thursdays back at the home base.

Alpha's Glory is also facing shortages of baby clothes (new or gently used) in sizes from birth to 2T, as well as winter clothes for the little ones.

Families like John's and Susan's are all around us. Alpha's Glory is one of many pregnancy resource centers that serve parents and children—body and soul—making true and lasting differences in their lives.

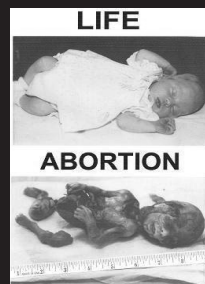
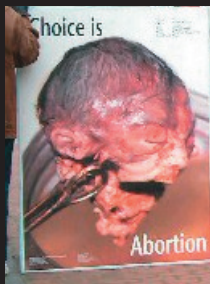
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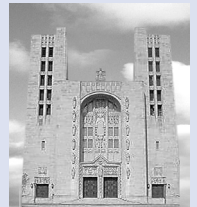


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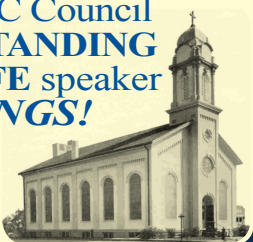
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