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Md. Dept. of Education sets gender identity 'guidelines'

Petitioners to Charles County Board of Ed: Reject guidelines!

The Maryland State Department of Education has issued guidelines on gender identity non-discrimination to the state's local school districts that advocate teaching and promoting controversial gender identity concepts in the classroom and advise keeping secret relevant information from parents.

The 25-page guide, "Providing Safe Spaces for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth: Guidelines for Gender Identity Non-Discrimination," was released with little fanfare on October 2015.

The guideline document thanks various LGBT activist groups "who shared their time and expertise in the creation of this document."

They include Equality Maryland; Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Baltimore; National Center for Lesbian Rights; National Center for Transgender Equality; and Prince George's County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Task Force.

Although the guidelines are, by definition, optional "suggestions," some local school boards are already implementing them, with little input, or even knowledge of their existence, from parents of children in public schools.

One "suggestion" in the document is that schools "Allow students the opportunity to room with others

according to their gender identity" on overnight school field trips.

Anne Arundel County is instructing teachers and administrators to let a male student who identifies as a female sleep with girls on such trips—and that they may not inform the parents of the girls that this boy is sleeping with their daughters ("Md. School District: Don't



PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING YOUTH: GUIDELINES FOR GENDER IDENTITY NON-DISCRIMINATION

A guide to laws, regulations, and best practices for use in schools.



October 2015

Tell Parents If Transgender Males Bunk With Daughters," *Washington Times*, August 23, 2016).

Major revamp

In their plan to create a "gender neutral environment," the guidelines call for a major revamping of school policies and practices, including:

- Allowing students to wear clothing that is appropriate under the school's dress code, regardless of the student's gender or identity.
- Eliminating gender-based sorting of students (for example, instead of "boys line up over here," line students up according to birth dates or color of clothing, etc.).
- Addressing every student by a name and pronoun that corresponds to the student's gender identity.
- Including transgender students in sex-segregated athletic activities based on their gender identity.

One guideline calls for schools to "Design classroom lessons that expand understandings of gender diversity and look for entry points in the curriculum to address gender identity"—i.e., to incorporate gender identity concepts into all class-

room subjects.

This sweeping guideline could effectively stymie attempts by parents to opt their children out of what they consider immoral or otherwise objectionable indoctrination.

Petitioners: Reject guidelines

As the Maryland Department of Education gender identity guide rolls into one Maryland school district after another, one civic-minded Charles County resident has organized a petition drive to poke a stick in its wheels.

The petition, written by Janet Beck, urges the Charles County Board of Education to "Immediately vote to soundly reject" the Maryland Department of Education's October 2015 guide "in its entirety."

"The LGBT movement in Maryland is a well-financed machine that seeks to redefine societal norms, one child at a time," the petition states.

"More than 75 politically active

organizations, some with an apparently different mission as Planned Parenthood, have formed a coalition to support the LGBT agenda in Maryland in exchange for LGBT resources to advance their causes."

LGBT activists recognize over 50 unique gender identities that include agender, androgyne, bigender, cisgender, gender fluid, gender questioning, and transgender, the petition notes:

"[T]he guide reveals how the LGBT movement plans to upend every conventional thought on biological sex/gender identity and control the dialogue with its own restrictive language that includes:

"Eliminating the use of 'gender-identifying' words such as 'boy' and 'girl' in the classroom, as those words are considered offensive.

"Replacing 'gender-identifying' pronouns with 'gender-neutral' pronouns. For example, the word 'ze' would replace the words 'he' and 'she,' and the word 'hir' would replace the words 'him' and 'her,' and

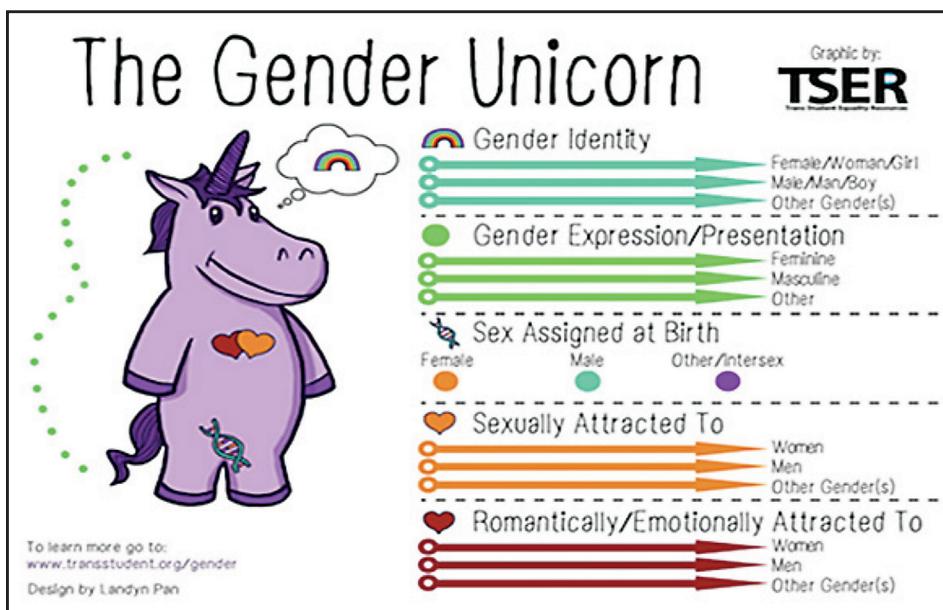
"Referring to the students that accept their biological sex to be their gender as 'privileged.'"

LGBTs 'control discussion'

In May, Beck had attended Charles County Board of Education public forum at which a married couple with seven children opposed the federal mandate for transgender persons to use the bathroom to match their gender identity.

"After the meeting, I did some research," she recalls, "and I stumbled across the Maryland Department of Education guidelines.

"I wasn't so concerned about the bathroom issue," she explains; "I'm



The Gender Unicorn shows "how queer and trans people view gender," in contrast to the way "straight" people view their identity.

JHU professors dispute LGBT, transgender assumptions in MSDE guide

A new report that examines the body of scientific studies on sexual orientation and gender identity strongly disputes the assumptions on which the Maryland State Department of Education bases its gender identity guidelines.

“There is no evidence that all children who express gender-atypical thoughts or behavior should be encouraged to become transgender,” state Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine professors Lawrence S. Mayer and Paul R. McHugh.

While the MSDE guidelines accept as scientific fact the concept that one’s “gender identity” may differ from one’s biological sex at birth, the report declares:

“Biological sex (the binary categories of male and female) is a fixed aspect of human nature, even though some individuals affected by disorders of sexual development may exhibit ambiguous sex characteristics.

“By contrast, *gender identity is a social and psychological concept that is not well-defined, and there is little evidence that it is an innate, fixed biological property.*

“The understanding of sexual orientation as an innate, biologically fixed property of human beings—the idea that people are ‘born that way’—is not supported by scientific evidence” (*Emphasis added*).

The report also finds that compared to the general population, non-heterosexual persons are at a much higher risk for adverse mental and health outcomes, including anxiety disorders, depression, substance abuse, and suicide.

“Members of the transgender population are also at higher risk for a variety of mental health problems,” the report warns.

“Especially alarmingly, the rate of lifetime suicide attempts across all ages of transgender individuals is estimated at 41%, compared to under 5% in the overall U.S. popu-

lation.”

The report, “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological and Social Sciences,” appears in the Fall 2016 issue of *The New Atlantis* (see thenewatlantis.com/publications/executive-summary-sexuality-and-gender).

Dr. Lawrence S. Mayer is a biostatistician and epidemiologist, and Dr. Paul R. McHugh is a University Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. McHugh has described transgenderism as a “mental disorder,” and opposes sex reassignment surgery for transgender people.

In 1979, he shut down the gender identity clinic at Johns Hopkins, explaining that a study found that most of the people who had undergone this type of surgery “had much the same problems with relationships, work, and emotions as before.”

more concerned about the teaching of this to children from kindergarten through twelfth grade.”

The LGBT activists “control the discussion by creating their own language,” coining terms such as ‘cisgender’ and crazy pronouns,” says Beck.

If you oppose their agenda, you’re labeled a bigot, she adds.

“I’m not a bigot; I’m not interested in what adults do in private. But I do object to imposing this on children. Let these children enjoy their innocence!” she pleads.

Beck posted her petition, “Re-

ject Gender Identity Teaching in Charles County Public Schools,” on standunited.org.

By late September the petition had garnered about 1,800 signatures, including nearly 1,500 online and over 300 on paper.

The offline signatures were obtained “mostly by word of mouth, through friends Facebooking it and circulating it at their churches,” says Beck.

Superintendent attacks petition

Charles County School Super-

intendent Kimberly Hill attacked the veracity of the petition at a Charles County School Board meeting September 13.

“A petition is being circulated that incorrectly states the Maryland State Department of Education promotes teaching gender identity in the classroom. It does not,” stated Hill.

“Teaching about gender identity is not part of the curriculum or classroom instruction in Charles County Public Schools,” she added.

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All Quiet on the Bayview Front

Hopkins Bayview employees ‘advised’ not to assault pro-lifers

Employees at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center have been “advised” that assaulting pro-life protesters is a no-no.

Veteran protesters at Defend Life’s monthly demonstration at Bayview sensed that something was up when Hopkins Bayview security officers moved in closer than usual for the August 17 protest.

Instead of their regular post on Hopkins Bayview Drive, the two security guards stood along Bayview Boulevard, directly across from the pro-lifers. A plainclothes security supervisor soon joined them.

“Why have you changed your position and come closer to us?” asked one of the pro-lifers.

“No special reason,” an officer replied.

“Are you here to protect us pro-lifers?” the demonstrator persisted; “After all, we’re the only ones who have been assaulted!”

“We’re here to provide safety for everybody,” he responded.

Turning to the security supervisor, the pro-lifer reminded him that at the July protest, a female Hopkins employee grabbed an anti-abortion sign and tried to run off with it, and in June, a Hopkins psychiatrist yanked a sign away from 82-year-old protester Walt Hunt, who fell onto the roadway and wrenched his back.

“Has the word gone out to Hopkins employees to leave us alone?” the pro-lifer speculated.

“They’ve been advised,” the supervisor admitted.

With the Hopkins employees admonished to be on their good behavior, the Defend Lifers held



Walt Hunt gives a woman a flyer describing how Hopkins Bayview routinely commits abortions.

their peaceful protest of Bayview’s aborting of babies without incident.

Walt Hunt handed out flyers to pedestrians detailing how Hopkins Bayview routinely aborts babies through the second trimester.

A woman who accepted a flyer from him was horrified at the news.

“God bless you! Thank-you for being here!” she told him.

Defend Life Director Jack Ames, holding a large poster of an aborted baby while standing on the Bayview Boulevard median strip, seemed to attract much of the negative reactions.

One passing driver yelled at him, “Jackass, don’t you realize abortion is legal?”

“So was slavery,” Ames replied.

A woman driver stopped her car, opened the car door and shook

her finger at him.

“I had a baby—and I had to take care of that baby for 18 years!” she yelled. “I’m pro-choice!”

After a diatribe that lasted several minutes, the woman slammed her door shut and drove off before Ames could respond.

Linda Bocklage, offering flyers to passing motorists, met with more positive responses.

A man who identified himself as a Marine told her with a smile, “Good for you! Keep it up!”

Even an MTA bus driver rolled down his window and reached down to accept a flyer.

Hopkins Bayview security guards moved back to their former location on Hopkins Bayview Drive for Defend Life’s September 21 demonstration.

Both pedestrian and vehicular traffic were heavy, and so were exchanges between protesters and passersby.

Most of them were positive.

The driver of a large Johns Hopkins truck rolled down his window to take a flyer from a sign-holding demonstrator.

A young Latino driver told protesters that she was 20 weeks pregnant. When doctors informed her that her baby had Down syndrome, they offered her the option of abortion, she said. She refused and is going to carry her baby.

A woman pedestrian confided that she had been raped. Offered the choice to abort her baby, she said no, explaining, “I wasn’t raised that way!”

Make the fight against abortion personal, urges Bereit

It started at a potluck dinner.

David Bereit and his wife Margaret were holding a potluck dinner for a few of their friends and neighbors in Bryan, Texas, back in 2004, when one of their guests, a young man named David Araby, pulled Bereit aside.

“Did you know that the Planned Parenthood in our town just did their two-thousandth abortion since it opened two years ago?” he asked.

“Do you understand that 2,000 little boys and girls have just lost their lives on our watch?”

Bereit, who was involved with the small pro-life group in town, replied, “Yes, I am aware of that.”

“Where is the Church?” Araby demanded angrily. “Why are they silent from the pulpit? Why aren’t we acting like this is the crisis that it is? Why does no one seem to care?”

Bereit had no answer.

“His words haunted me,” he told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored talk at St. Philip Neri Church in Linthicum September 16.

“That night, I tossed and turned for hours in bed, thinking about it.”

The next morning, Bereit met with three other volunteers from the local pro-life organization.

They came up with a three-pronged plan, calling for prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and word-of-mouth community outreach.

“God put in our hearts a time frame of forty days,” recalled Bereit.

“We were scared; we didn’t know if we could pull it off.”

When Bereit called Araby to ask him to participate, the young man replied, “Well, I’m newly married, I’m working part-time, so I can’t

come during the day ...”

Bereit waited for his excuse.

“How about I come at 11 p.m. at night? Until 7 a.m.?”

Bereit was nonplussed. “Great! What day can I put you down for?”

“All forty,” was the reply.

Not only did Araby come for all 40 days, eight hours a night, he got 15 or 20 of his brother Knights of Columbus to come along with him.

Over a thousand people took



Ending abortion is the key to reversing the decline and destruction of our nation, says David Bereit.

part in that first 40 Days for Life, said Bereit.

“That year, abortions dropped 28% in our town. Hearts and minds were changed.”

In the years that followed, the 40 Days movement spread to other Texas towns and other states.

The first National 40 Days for Life was held in 2007, with 89 cities across 33 states taking part simultaneously.

This year’s Fall 40 Days, from

September 28-November 6, has 637 cities participating in 36 nations throughout the world.

Overall, 700,000 people have taken part, said Bereit.

“We’ve seen 75 abortion clinics closed; 11,796 babies have been saved, and 133 abortion workers have left the industry.”

But that is no reason to rest on our laurels, he cautioned.

“During that time, millions more babies were lost to abortion.”

Times demand more

Bereit believes that the current conditions demand more of pro-lifers than what they are doing.

“The majority of Americans are very unhappy with the direction our country is heading. We know in our hearts that something is not right,” he said.

Historians have concluded that the most important factors in the decline and fall of nations have been moral:

1. A decrease in religious beliefs and practices.
2. An increase in immorality.
3. A breakdown of the traditional family.
4. The devaluing of human life.

“We’re losing ground in three out of four of those factors,” said Bereit.

“The one front in which we’re seeing victory after victory is pro-life.”

More pro-life laws have been passed in the last two years than were passed in the previous twenty-plus years combined, he pointed out.

Two-thirds of the nation’s abor-

tion clinics have closed in the last two decades as well.

“We are turning the tide with God’s help!” said Bereit.

If we can defeat abortion in America, we can begin to reverse the other moral factors leading to the decline and destruction of our nation, he asserted.

“The pro-life movement right now is the great hope of America.”

The rest of the story

So how do we save America before it’s too late?

“By each of us making it personal!” said Bereit.

After that first 40 Days for Life, David Araby moved to Australia and started a business there. Bereit didn’t hear from him for years.

“The day after our first National 40 Days for Life, I got an email from him. He said he thought I ought to know the rest of the story.”

“A few weeks before the potluck dinner, I got a call that my dad was dying of cancer,” wrote Araby.

“Dad was declining rapidly. When I went to visit him in the hospital, he asked me to pray the rosary

with him for an end to abortion.”

Every day he visited his Dad, it was the same, said Araby: “All he wanted to pray for was an end to abortion. I finally said, ‘Dad, can’t we pray for your healing, or for something else?’

“He forced himself up in bed and said, ‘No!’”

“Then he told me, ‘When I was

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a young man, I got a girl pregnant. It was going to be a scandal, and I pressured her to have an abortion.

“ ‘I got to the abortion clinic early that morning with the cash to pay for the abortion. But she never came; she stood me up.

“ ‘I was so mad at her! I kept calling her, but she wouldn’t return my calls.”

It finally “came out,” of course: “ ‘She’s pregnant, and I’m the Dad. They shamed us into getting married.

“ ‘That was your mother. That child was you.””

David Araby was forever changed, said Bereit.

“The abstract concept of abortion became real. It was no longer a political debate or something talked about occasionally in church.

“It became personal for him. Because of that, he asked God what he could do.”

Because one person made it personal, he helped launch a campaign that eventually involved hundreds of thousands of people, saved thousands of babies’ lives, and closed hundreds of abortion clinics, said Bereit.

So how do we save America before it’s too late?

“By each of us making it personal! And each of us asking God, show me what *I* can do—and then each of us using our talents that God gave us to do everything possible.

“I don’t know what you’ll do. But maybe you’ll be volunteering more at the local pregnancy center, or getting more active with parish pro-life activities.

“Maybe you’ll be getting more involved with the legislative and political processes, especially with this upcoming election, when so much is at stake.

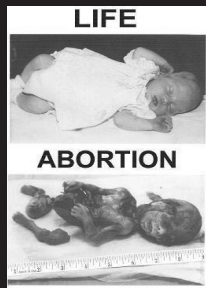
“Are we facing a tough time in our nation? Yes. But we are the people God has called to turn the tide.”

We are the people that He can use to restore hope and make sure there *is* an America to hand on to future generations, said Bereit.

“Let us do everything we can to let God move in a mighty way to restore our nation.”

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Workshop gives tips on lobbying, working, suffering for life

When it comes to our lawmakers in Annapolis, would you agree with one or more of the following assumptions:

- Politicians are scum of the earth and will always sell out to the highest bidder.
- It doesn't matter what you say or do; your legislators will simply vote the way they wanted to vote in the first place. *Or:*
- Our Maryland lawmakers know what they're doing and won't let anything too bad happen!

If you make any of these assumptions, you're off-base, says Jeff Meister.

"Politicians are neither super-humans nor sub-humans," he told attendees at the Baltimore Archdiocese's Respect Life Workshop at St. Louis Church in Clarksville, Md., August 27.

"They are humans with poten-

tially the same experiences, concerns, hopes and fears of the average Marylander."

As Maryland Right to Life's director of administration and legislation, it's Meister's job to lobby for pro-life laws in Annapolis.

"Lobbying is not a dirty word," he cautioned. "It's merely making sure your voice is heard by those empowered to make important decisions on important issues."

But Maryland Right to Life and the Maryland Catholic Conference, the two pro-life lobbying organizations in Annapolis, have an uphill battle, he acknowledged.

"Most legislators do not share our world view," he noted, in a masterpiece of understatement.

Republicans (who usually vote pro-life) are outnumbered by Democrats (who usually don't) by 2 to 1 in both the State Senate and the House of Delegates.

Meister also pointed out that most Maryland legislators are not

Catholic and don't subscribe to the Church's attitude on pro-life issues.

In addition, he said, if between one-third and one-fourth of women in the U.S. have had an abortion, "What does that mean for the Maryland General Assembly of 188 people, 61 of whom are women?"

Every American has either had an abortion or knows someone who has, he asserted.

"So how do we take what motivates us and share our point of view with legislators who don't share it?"

Minds can be swayed

Meister offered some practical pointers to his pro-life audience.

First, he emphasized, don't assume that it does no good to contact your legislator: "We don't know what's going on in the mind of anyone. Fundamental issues that affect human life can cross both sides of the aisle."

If you're interested in testifying on a bill in Annapolis, contact a lobbying organization first, he advised.

"Listen to your lobbying organizations; there are immense strategy considerations in presentation of testimony and insuring there is a topical flow of content.

"Sometimes the best strategy is not having significant grassroots testimony, but rather, specific expert panels."

When you receive an "action alert" from your lobbying organization, respond immediately, said Meister: "Often there is a short window of time between when we know a bill is coming up for a vote, and the actual vote.

"Use the talking points and messaging we give you," he urged; they



Jeff Meister chats with a pro-lifer at the Respect Life Workshop.

are crafted in light of the most effective means of messaging to the General Assembly.

How you communicate with your legislature matters. “The more effort you put into lobbying, the more weight it is given,” he explained.

Legislators apply a grassroots formula for how many voters one constituent’s contact represents:

- 1 email = 25 voters
- 1 phone call = 100 voters
- 1 in-person meeting = 500 voters.

Meister offered these tips on what to say:

1. Identify yourself as a constituent.
2. Stick to the point.
3. Give your top reasons.
4. Don’t give them any reasons to dismiss you (for example, don’t yell at them or insult them).
5. Share a personal, relevant story.
6. Or simply share facts.
7. Politely convey that you are voting on this issue.

Minds can be swayed, Meister insisted. A good example of this was Senator Jim Brochin, a Democrat, who, in the last legislative session, went from leaning in favor of a bill to legalize doctor-prescribed suicide (SB418) to opposing it “because we pointed out to him that it had a lot of flaws.”

The bill was defeated.

“With effective grassroots lobbying, we can change the minds of legislators,” Meister concluded.

Start with the Cross

As Catholics, the basis of all our work in the pro-life ministry is

the Cross, said Fr. James Boric, the keynote speaker at the Respect Life Workshop.

“Because we follow Jesus, we must carry His Cross,” said Father. “Jesus kept his eyes focused on the Cross and on heaven; that’s what we’re called to do.”

Like Christ, we must refuse any temptations to take shortcuts or make compromises.

“We have a lot to fight for, and to fight against,” said Father. “When we stand for life and for marriage and the family, our friends and neighbors may say we’re anti-woman and bigoted.

“But if we experience the Cross

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in our ministry, it’s the sign that we’re on the right path.”

The associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park noted that next year will be the hundredth anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to three children in Portugal.

“I would like to propose that we consecrate all of our prolife efforts to Mary,” he said.

The Mother of God asked the children to do five things:

1. Amend your lives and receive the sacrament of penance.
2. Make reparation for sinners.
3. Recite the five-decade rosary daily.
4. Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
5. Make the First Five Saturdays.

We in the pro-life ministry should do the same, said Father.

“I know that if enough people did this, Mary would have victory.”

“Never give up hope,” Father concluded: “Prayer and sacrifice are the key to salvation.”

‘We need more people!’

“We need more people!”

That was the clarion call of Stacy Golden, Respect Life coordinator of pastoral care and chastity education, at the Workshop.

The Pastoral Care and Chastity Education ministry offers guidance on a plethora of projects that parish Respect Life groups can implement at a local level.

They range from ones as simple as printing pro-life information in the church’s Sunday bulletin or giving out educational pamphlets to parishioners, to hosting a pro-life speaker, running a baby bottle drive to raise funds for a local pregnancy center, or sponsoring a 5K Walk/Run for Life.

Golden would like to see advocates at each parish for Project Rachel, which offers post-abortion retreats and counseling. Her ministry offers training for such advocates.

“We would like to have some Spanish-speaking members” among the advocates.

“We also need more people for our Good News talks,” said Golden.

These are talks on chastity, abortion and pornography given to 8th graders at Catholic schools.

“If we hit that generation, we can really change lives,” she said.

“We’re the worker bees helping pro-life at the parish level,” said Tina Bauman of St. Joseph Church in Fullerton.

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Book Review

The Walls Are Talking—and the stories are heartbreaking

By Diane Levero

Many of you reading this review have probably stood outside an abortion clinic, praying or protesting. Fewer of us have been on the inside.

In *The Walls Are Talking*, former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson takes us past the scowling escorts and hesitating clients, through the door.

Johnson has assembled 17 stories—her own and those of other ex-abortion clinic workers—that are shocking, nasty, and often gut-wrenching. But they are stories that need to be told.

The book title is a flip comeback to “If These Walls Could Talk,” an HBO hit film starring Demi Moore, Sissy Spacek and Cher that paints pro-lifers as heartless religious fanatics, and abortionists as kind, courageous heroes.

The former clinic workers who tell their stories know better. Many of them began clinic work as idealists, believing that they were truly helping women in their time of need.

But even with this idealism, they had to grow some calluses to continue their work. As one former worker (they tell their stories anonymously) explains, “I knew in my heart of hearts that abortion was wrong.”

So an abortion worker must dull her conscience through repetition—through “continual and unrepentant sin,” as St. Paul put it.

“Sick” humor also helps muffle the twinges of conscience, says the ex-clinic employee.

When she was assigned to work in the clinic’s products of conception

(POC) lab, where a freezer housed the aborted babies and baby parts until the bio-hazard truck arrived, she learned that her fellow employees had dubbed the room “the Nursery.”

“From an abortionist joking about the fetus he had just hacked up in a dish looking like barbecue, to office workers snickering about sending baby-shaped cookies with blood-red icing to the Coalition for Life

Hollywood often portrays them, says the ex-worker.

Diane always came in filthy, with matted hair, wearing dirty, oversized T-shirts and jeans.

“Almost without fail, when we saw Diane she would be infected with one STD or another.

“We knew she had a pimp. Typically she would have bruises all over her body, sometimes a black eye or a split lip or a gash in her arm.

“Many of us assumed that these wounds were inflicted by her pimp, or perhaps the culprit was one of her customers.

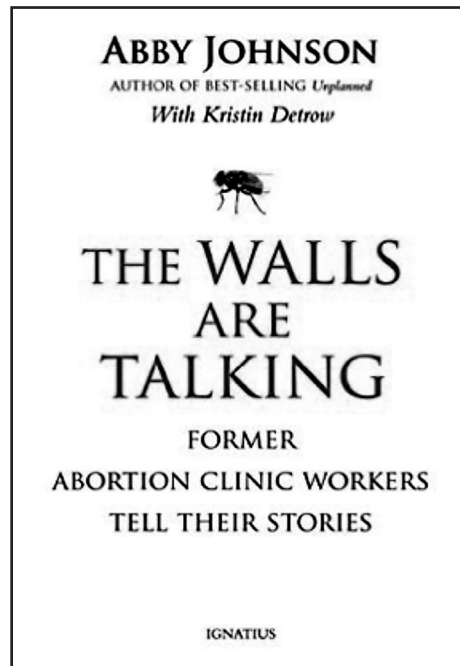
“But we never asked . . . we never showed any real warmth or compassion to Diane. . .

“We were trained to think that prostitution or stripping was as valid a choice for a woman as being a nurse or a lawyer. We were there to treat their recurrent STDs, abort their babies, and send them on their way.”

For another clinic worker, the rose-colored glasses came off when she was sent out of state to a clinic that did late-term abortions, to learn how her own clinic could operate more efficiently—i.e., make more money.

There she met “Jessica,” 28 weeks pregnant, who had come for an abortion because she had recently broken up with her boyfriend and no longer wanted the baby.

But Jessica was clearly unhappy as she signed the consent forms for the three-day procedure and had luminaria inserted in her cervix and digoxin injected into her uterus to kill



workers who had taken up residence next door, nothing was considered sacred or off-limits,” she recalls.

With the dulling of conscience comes the dulling of compassion and subsequent indifference toward their clients, says another ex-abortion worker.

One of the most wretched and chilling examples of this indifference involved a girl she calls “Diane.”

Diane was a prostitute—but not glamorous and flashily dressed as

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*October 13, 2016 Anno Domini
99th Anniversary of the Great Miracle of the Sun*

Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



It's hard to believe that **October 13, 2017** will be the **100th anniversary** of the Great Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. It's so easy to bemoan how many of Our Lady's requests made at Fatima have been virtually ignored. A prime example would be the immodest fashions of that time (**1917 no less**) which she said were **extremely offensive to Her Divine Son**. If they were offensive **99** years ago, think how today's **tight-fitting totally revealing** fashions are countless times more offensive. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that.

Yet, my friend, Julie Easter of Great Valley, Pennsylvania, has a different take on this. Julie grew up in Radford, Virginia, and played basketball at Virginia Tech where her father taught. Here is Julie's take. On **October 13, 1884**, Pope Leo XIII had a vision after celebrating Mass. He heard Satan saying to Our Lord, **Give me 100 years and I will corrupt your Church**. Our Lord said, **You have 100 years!**

Exactly **33 years later** to the day, the Great Miracle of the Sun occurred on **October 13, 1917**. Maybe, that's when Satan's **100 years** of free reign of evil actually began and could end on **October 13, 2017**. Monumental things could then begin to happen to restore God's Kingdom now that **Satan** will no longer be allowed the free reign that he seemingly has had.



By the way, **Leo XIII**, after this vision, immediately composed the **Saint Michael the Archangel** prayer that we used to say religiously after each Mass (and some Catholic parishes still do!).



One great way to share the **Fatima message** is to watch the documentary **Fatima** narrated so beautifully by the late Richardo Montalban still available from **EWTN** at **800-854-6316**. Request item **#HDF**. Consider giving it as a Christmas present. This Fatima message is probably still the best kept secret of the 20th century.



The Remarkable David Bereit

My good friend David Bereit, the founder of **40 Days for Life**, has done it again. Here is what 40 Days for Life has done in its short 10-year history:

- **170,000+ volunteers**
- **11,828 documented saves***
- **75 abortion mills have closed**
- **163 abortion mill workers have quit**



*A save is where there is documented evidence that a woman who had decided to abort her child changed her mind as a result of a 40 Days for Life campaign.

Never to be outdone, David has come up with another remarkable campaign. A donor from Indiana donated a low-mileage RV and David and other key leaders, with the help of volunteer drivers, will visit **128** different cities beginning Wednesday, September 28 and ending Sunday, November 6. **They will visit all 50 states**, 48 contiguous states by RV plus Alaska and Hawaii by air. If you have ever traveled across America, especially west of the Mississippi, you know how incredibly **vast** our beloved America is.

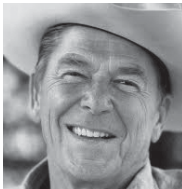
Pray that nothing but good occurs from this unprecedented campaign and that the donated RV holds up well as it travels **18,300** miles traversing America. Pray also that this campaign will be a giant step in making America once again **the land of the free and the home of the brave**. For more information on the visits in your area, visit **40DaysUnited.com**.

Phyllis Schlafly, RIP



Phyllis Schlafly departed this life at age **92** on Labor Day, September 5. No living American labored more faithfully, more diligently, more fruitfully and for as many years as Phyllis.

I first learned about Phyllis during the summer of **1964** when her book **A Choice Not An Echo: The Inside Story of How American Presidents Are Chosen**, was hot off the press. Just out of Villanova, I distributed dozens of that great book to my classmates at the Trane Company in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Many of them worked hard for Barry Goldwater that summer and fall as a result of reading her first great book. Phyllis understood the evil of **Communism** and that is why she worked so hard for Barry Goldwater, who was running for President. Even though Goldwater lost, he paved the way for Ronald Reagan 16 years later.



When she married her beloved husband Fred in 1949, she did not promise to obey him, only to cherish him, according to long-time friend John Utley, publisher of **The American Conservative**. Phyllis raised six children, breast-fed them all, and taught them all to read before they began school.

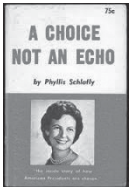
Phyllis masterfully engineered the defeat of the so-called **Equal Rights Amendment** and when our liberal brethren changed the rules after its first defeat, engineered its defeat a second time.

She also was instrumental in getting social conservatives to support Ronald Reagan for President. Phyllis called on her thousands of foot soldiers who had been instrumental in defeating this **ERA** to work hard for Ronald Reagan's election.

She was also opposed to the war in Kosovo against the Serbs and both Iraq wars. She said prophetically, **We may have to occupy that country for the next 50 years**. She predicted that our involvement in Iraq could also lead to anti-Americanism. How prophetic that was!

Phyllis also understood the problems with equating the two genders. In a Rutherford Institute interview, she said, **You see it in the grade schools where the latest fad is to eliminate recess and to build new school buildings without playgrounds. This is a direct attack on the little boys who need to get out on the playground and wrestle with each other so they can come in and learn something. They're trying to make little boys behave like little girls.**

In the last of her **17** books, **The Conservative Case for Trump**, just published earlier this year, she said **Trump is the only hope to defeat the Kingmakers... because everybody else will fall in line.**



The Conservative Case for Trump

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Education member immediately refuted Hill's allegation, says Beck, who attended the meeting.

"The Board member read the following recommendations from those guidelines aloud: 'Design classroom lessons that expand understanding of gender diversity and look for entry points in the curriculum to address gender diversity.'

"Superintendent Hill's remarks about the petition were not true," says Beck. "They were inappropriate as well as an affront to my intelligence and integrity."

Purple 'Gender Unicorn'

Beck's online petition features a purple "Gender Unicorn" cartoon figure that was introduced in training material for staff and faculty in North Carolina's Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools in June.

The Gender Unicorn was designed for Trans Student Educational Resources to illustrate "how queer and trans people view gender instead of one straight, cisgender man," say its creators, Landyn Pan and Anna Moore.

Use of the Gender Unicorn is expanding into other school districts.

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her baby.

When Jessica reported to the clinic the next day, the baby's heart-beat was still strong and steady. No problem, said the staff; these things take time.

On the third day, the abortionist, well-known and respected in the abortion world for his late-term expertise, but arrogant and short-tempered in person, arrived for "the procedure"—to extract the dead baby.

But Jessica failed to appear.

Staff finally got her on the phone at her hotel room. Jessica, sobbing desperately, refused to come in.

"The baby has been moving around all night," she told the doctor. "I need to go to the ER. I want to save my baby."

Beck, a Catholic, has volunteered in other civic causes, including the Maryland Catholic Conference's efforts to oppose the physician-assisted suicide bill in Annapolis.

She says she will continue her efforts to inform the public about the MSDE gender identity guidelines and to get more petition signatures.

The abortionist, in a fury, slammed down the phone, and with his nurse and assistant, stormed off to the hotel, where they sedated Jessica and dragged her back to the clinic.

Jessica feebly fought their attempts to hoist her onto the operating table, but more sedation finally knocked her out.

Another dose of digoxin and eventually—it took 30 minutes—the baby—a boy—stopped kicking.

When the sedation wore off and Jessica woke up, she began to scream, begging the nurses to let her see her baby.

"I just need to hold him," she cried. "Please."

The abortionist cursed and the nurses rolled their eyes and made snide remarks, but Jessica wouldn't shut up. So they called the police and had her forcibly ejected from the clinic, still screaming.

"I now know that the love of money is the root of all evil, concludes the repentant clinic worker.

"As an organization that rakes in over one billion dollars annually, the abortion industry's heart beats exclusively for the almighty dollar made by shedding innocent blood."

More absorbing, often heartrending accounts of former clinic workers fill out the picture of how misguided idealism leads many to work in abortions clinics, the reasons that keep them there, and the cold, soulless machinations driving the abortion industry.

The Walls Are Talking is a worthwhile read for anyone who wants to understand what makes abortion clinic workers tick in order to reach out to them in a positive way.

Abby Johnson has founded an organization, And Then There Were None, that helps abortion workers leave the industry. Their website is abortionworker.com.

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MIRACLE BABY: from ailing infant to Rutgers rowing crew

By Terence Blackwell Jr.

Editor's Note: Mr. Blackwell is CEO of Chimes Family of Services, a non-profit headquartered in Baltimore that provides services for persons with disabilities. The following is his account (slightly abridged) of the healing of his son, Patrick.

ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED to the Bishop of Atlanta, Roman Catholic Church; October 1999

To whom it may concern
Regarding the Pilgrimage to Conyers of Terence G. Blackwell Sr., Patrick Glenn Blackwell and myself on the Feast of Fatima, 1994

The following are the facts of the changes in our lives resulting from the above trip. I write this freely, under no obligation to anyone for this information, and will substantiate the condition pre and post our visit to Conyers for any interested.

My son Patrick was born May 25, 1994, at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He was a very unexpected arrival, as our son Christopher was born under very difficult circumstance only three years earlier.

During the pregnancy of Christopher, my wife Cheryl and the baby nearly died, due to complications of the pregnancy called placenta previa. My wife lost a great deal of blood, requiring frequent large transfusions over the course of more than a month.

When finally her placenta ruptured, she came very close to death. Baby Christopher was removed via caesarian section, without any pain killer or anesthesia.

Later, we found out these transfusions changed my wife's blood. When she became pregnant with Patrick, her blood was actually working against Patrick's while he was in the womb.

During the pregnancy for Patrick, things were more normal than with our son Chris. The ob/gyn doctor thought he saw something wrong



Terry Blackwell holds his infant son Patrick while waiting for the Blessed Mother's message in Conyers, Georgia.

in the pre-birth films, but he did not know what.

It turned out that Pat was born without any closure to the filtering system of his kidneys. In addition, Pat had only one functional kidney, with another smaller (non-functional) kidney providing no support for his body.

A few weeks after his birth, our pediatrician, Dr. George Brennan of the Old Bridge Sayreville Medical Group, and staff physician at St. Peter's hospital, referred us to a pediatric nephrologist, Dr. Fleisher, in

Somerville, New Jersey.

Dr. Fleisher asked us to bring the baby to a local radiology group for two rather tough tests (remember we're talking about a 3-month-old baby!).

The New Brunswick Radiology Group in East Brunswick performed a radioactive dye isotope test and a specialty CAT scan on the functioning of Patrick's kidneys. These tests were then sent to Dr. Fleisher for his analysis.

On a late summer morning, my wife came back from the test review with Dr. Fleisher. She entered the house with the baby and said she was tired. I thought little of it at the time, since there was much getting up for diapers and feedings during those days.

As she passed me however, she placed a single sheet of paper on the counter, which was on the doctor's letterhead. I picked it up and read essentially the following: "This is a very sick little boy. He has one functional kidney, and it isn't working. His body cannot filter out any infections.

"In a classification of seriousness of kidney disease that begins at level 1 and is maximum at level 5, this baby is a level 5. He will be on blood dialysis for the rest of his life, that is certain.

"He should also have the smaller residual kidney removed, but this cannot be done until he is about 18 months old—when his body slows its growth. There is a 25 percent chance he will not live to that age."

I found myself standing there in the kitchen, more alone than I can put into words. My son was, and would be for the rest of his life, seriously crippled by kidney failure—if

he lived that long.

I went numb. On automatic pilot, I found myself driving to my appointment for lunch with the man who was my landlord for a pre-school program I ran in the Bronx.

Arriving for lunch, Richard noted that something was different in my attitude that day, and asked me what was wrong. I told him about the pediatrician's letter.

He smiled and told me that he was Catholic. Failing to see the humor in the situation, I asked him to explain what his faith had to do with my current circumstance.

While I was raised Roman Catholic, and had gone to work for a Christian service ministry, I had years ago given up going to Mass and observing the sacraments.

My participation in any Catholic practice at that time was bare bones rote ritual, required to get the needed paperwork for our children such as a baptism certificate, etc.

I told Richard that I was practicing a type of Buddhist insight meditation (Vipassana) that I thought would be much more useful in the current circumstance.

Richard told me that the Blessed Mother was appearing to a woman right here in the U.S. It had been happening for a few years in a little farm in Conyers, outside Atlanta, Georgia.

He then went on to give me more detail of the apparitions, but I don't really recall hearing much of what he had to say after that. I sank back into my world of self-pity and doubt.

When I got home, I told my wife what Richard had told me. I really did not have any intention to follow up, or to go to this little place Conyers, but figured that the information would lift her spirits.

Cheryl's reaction was strong

and immediate. "We are going," she said. I told her that the date of the next apparition was months away and we could talk about it as it got closer. My effort at a stall.

Cheryl, knowing me fairly well, pulled an end run on me. She called my dad to tell him the possibility of going to this reported apparition site.

That gave me even less room to negotiate an out. My father, a very devout Roman Catholic his whole life, was instantly certain this was the solution to an insolvable problem.

A few weeks passed, and Cheryl continued to remind me that we

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needed more information about the place, who we were to seek out, where it was, etc.

I told her that although the agency I worked for continued to send money to the landlord's account, he was not anywhere to be contacted. I could get absolutely no more information than that Conyers was a little town outside of Atlanta.

My dad greatly wanted to make a pilgrimage to this place with me. The challenge with that was that my father was quite unable to see. During a 20-year-plus bout with diabetes, he lost almost all of his eyesight through the gradual deterioration of his nerve endings.

At the point he was asking me to go to visit a faraway place, with an

infant in tow, he could barely make out extremely large black on white print with the brightest light and the highest power magnifying glass.

But I just couldn't say no to him.

Eventually, we boarded a plane, even though we knew little more than that Conyers was a small dot on the map about a half-inch from the city of Atlanta.

Much of the South was having massive flooding problems. Our journey was hard, delayed by rain.

We arrived in Atlanta, checked into a hotel, and first thing in the morning, made our way out to the little town of Conyers.

We thought we would have a great deal of trouble finding the place.

At around 9 a.m. we arrived, and found there were a great many police, both state and local, marking out the place. We were directed to the parking field, a substantial distance from the little farm house where the apparitions were taking place.

Across muddy cow pastures, up slippery creek embankments, we walked in the cold, rainy mist on that October 13 day.

When we arrived, we stood along a wire cattle fence, some ways back from the site. I walked with the baby, looking for a place to feed and change him.

Fortunately, I came across two women working the information booth, handing out prayer literature, etc. They asked me what I was doing out in the rain with a young baby.

I told them of his medical condition. They invited me to move up closer with the baby, but I declined, saying, "See that guy over there in the gray raincoat? That is my dad. He can't see. He can barely walk because he's had so much surgery on his feet from his diabetes.

“He can’t feel his hands—other than the pain from the cold, because he has Reynaud’s disease in his extremities. But he’s Irish Catholic and he’ll admit to none of what I just told you. So that is why we are standing where we are.”

I went back over to my dad, holding onto the wire fence, and waited as we watched thousands more people coming into the field.

About an hour passed, and somehow the two ladies I was speaking with found us in the crowd. They walked up to my dad like he was the guest at a banquet, and said to him, “Mr. Blackwell, we have a special seat for you and your grandson, please come with us.”

My dad immediately followed, with one of the women leading him by the arm to a seat right outside the little shed-type building where the apparition was supposed to occur.

As we stood there awaiting the prayer service to begin, we smelled a very strong, sweet smell—like flowers. I smelled it, and noted it to my dad. He also smelled it, and thought it smelled like roses.

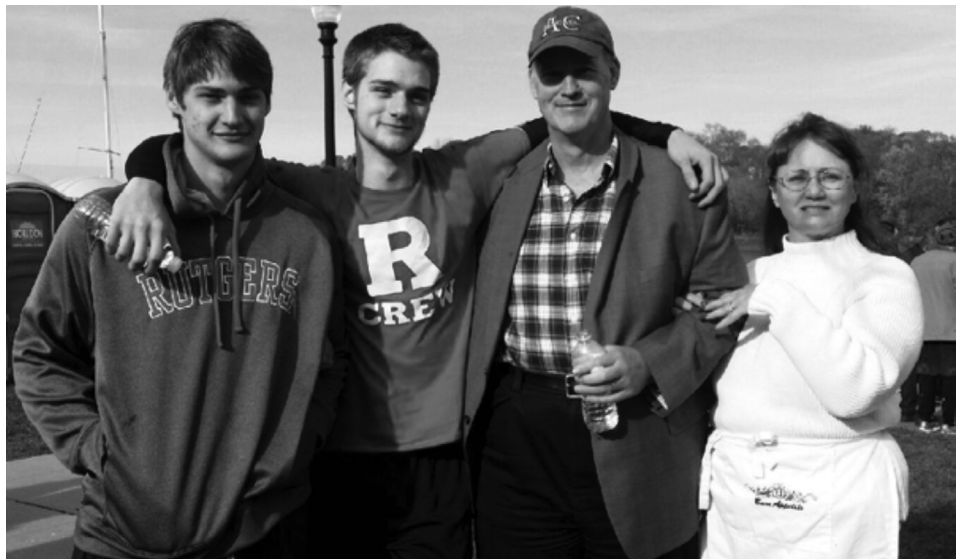
I’ve learned that on occasion this happens to people who visit Conyers, and that the smell of roses is sometimes associated with the Blessed Mother.

Finally, the prayer service of the Rosary began. In a few minutes, very bright lights went on inside the little house.

The visionary, a woman named Nancy, told the crowd that the Blessed Mother had come to the place and that people should “pray from the heart.”

I did not understand what that meant in my head, but my heart prayed a desperate father’s prayer, “Please help me!”

We went back to our hotel tired and cold. All three of us slept ex-



Patrick, part of the Rutgers rowing crew in his junior year, beams for the camera with his brother Christopher, left, their dad Terry and mom Cheryl.

hausted, until at around 4 a.m., my wife Cheryl called and woke us to ask, “What happened there?”

Dazed from a dream, I asked her why she was calling so early in the morning. She explained that a bright yellow light had just awoken Terence (our oldest son) and Christopher in the hall of our home in New Jersey.

As she got to the top of the stairs, she saw it fading away and felt somehow it had something to do with Patrick.

I told her I’d just had a very strange dream, that Pat and Pop (my father) and I were standing somewhere, and that this beautiful, majestic woman had draped a cloak of blue cloth around us.

In that instant, somehow I “knew” in my heart that Pat was going to be okay.

Several months later, my wife and I went back for a second series of tests for Patrick.

Dr. Fleischer, the kidney doctor, ordered the same set of tests, so there does exist a pre- and post-test record. We went to his office, nervous, and at the same time con-

fident, if the two can exist side by side.

After looking through the test results, Dr. Fleisher came into the exam room and said something to the following effect: “Mr. And Mrs. Blackwell, I’ve been a pediatric kidney doctor for more than 20 years. In that time I’ve never seen anything like this.

“Your son was a very sick baby.

“The one kidney that was a class 5 is now, if anything, perhaps a class 1, and appears from these tests to have completely sealed itself.

“The other kidney, which was not working, appears to be growing, and there is between 8 percent and 10 percent functioning in that organ.

“Take your little miracle baby and go home.”

I must have looked strange at 6-foot-6 tall, 275 pounds, crying for joy as we walked with Pat out of that office.

As for my dad, his eye surgeon had told us in no uncertain terms that he was legally blind and it would get worse quickly because of all the ruptured blood vessels in his eyes.

My dad’s prayer, when the

Blessed Mother said to “pray from the heart,” was that he could suffer anything else, but that he be allowed to see his grandchildren as long as he lived.

Dad’s eyesight did come back.

Diabetes continued to chew his body up, but he was able to see his grandchildren to the day of his death.

The trip to Conyers and the healing of my son and my dad led me to renew my Catholic faith.

In a few weeks my son Terence G. Blackwell III will make his Confirmation. A week or two later, Patrick will take First Holy Communion. He will start the Little League season shortly thereafter.

I believe that what occurred cannot be explained except through the blind eye of faith.

If it be of some benefit to you in your search for Truth and the way of Christ, then God has blessed me greatly in its telling.

Terence G. Blackwell Jr.

Father of Patrick and son of Terence Sr.

Postscript – August 2016:

Patrick has never been ill (kidney disease) nor has he ever needed a treatment for kidney disease. He graduated with honors from Rutgers in May with a degree in Econometrics and is about to begin a position with Bloomberg.

All three of our sons were recommended to be aborted. The doctors called it genetic counseling. I recall getting a call from Cheryl, sobbing when she was pregnant with our first son, Terence; the doctor made that recommendation “because his insurance required him to do so.” The child, he said, might not be normal.

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Knights hold cookout for police, firefighters

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council 10137 held their Twelfth Annual Appreciation Cookout on September 9 for the police and firefighters of Baltimore City’s Southeastern District. “9-11 is what inspired us to do this,” says Fatima Council Grand Knight Buzzy Stockman. “It’s our way of giving back to the people who risk their lives for us every day.”



Above, Officer Wiley (center) accepts a certificate of appreciation on behalf of police and firefighters from Buzzy Stockman and Fr. Arthur Gildea, Fatima Council chaplain and assistant pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church. Below, Police Officer Davis fills a plate as K of C District Deputy Jim Bocklage looks on.



Republican, Democrat platforms offer stark contrast on abortion

By Ellen Staniszewski

The Bible points out that life begins at conception. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit; in Luke 1:31, 32: “The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

Jesus became Jesus at the moment of conception, when His entire DNA was present in the womb. Every human’s complete DNA is present at the moment of conception.

Abortion is the taking of a human life, kills a human being, and is against God. The Ten Commandments have no qualifiers on “Thou shall not kill.”

Regardless of how one may vote for particular candidates in any particular election cycle, comparing the current Republican and Democratic platforms brings clarity to the issue of God in politics.

Republican platform

The Republican Party is pro-life, as stated in their 2016 platform:

“The Fifth Amendment: Protecting Human Life: The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can ‘be deprived of life, liberty or property’ deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence and the inalienable right to life.

“Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.

“We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare.

“We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts.

“In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of mis-

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leading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation.

“We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.

“The Democratic Party is extreme on abortion. Democrats’ almost limitless support for abortion, and their strident opposition to even the most basic restrictions on abortion, put them dramatically out of step with the American people.

“Because of their opposition to simple abortion clinic safety procedures, support for taxpayer-funded

abortion, and rejection of pregnancy resource centers that provide abortion alternatives, the old Clinton mantra of ‘safe, legal, and rare’ has been reduced to just ‘legal.’

“We are proud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women” (gop.com/platform).

Democratic platform

The Democratic Party claims to care for women, children, and their health, but their official platform contradicts concern for human life through euphemistic, misleading language:

“Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice.

“We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured.

“We believe that reproductive health is core to women’s, men’s, and young people’s health and well-being. We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people.

“We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman’s access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment.

“We condemn and will combat any acts of violence, harassment, and intimidation of reproductive health providers, patients, and staff.

“We will defend the ACA, which extends affordable preventive health care to women, including no cost contraception, and prohibits discrimination in health care based on gender” (www.demconvention.com).

The Democratic Party truly is extreme on abortion, with almost limitless support for abortion.

Democrats are against any laws that limit abortion or protect women from dirty and unsafe abortion facilities.

While both parties have their problems, the Republican Party platform protects life, from conception to natural death.

The Democratic Party should heed the Bible warning in Isaiah 5: 20-21: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.”

The Democratic platform encourages abortion with no apologies, abortions for healthy babies up until birth, all nine months in the womb.

This platform seeks taxpayers to pay for it. This directly opposes God’s laws to not murder. Sixty million American babies are dead from legal abortion, the population of several states combined. Such an

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Bauman was one of several parish Respect Life coordinators at the Workshop who reported on their parish’s pro-life activities.

Beginning in June, St. Joseph Fullerton joined with St. Ursula and other parish Respect Life groups in Baltimore’s northeast corridor to form a pro-life regional cluster, said Bauman.

“We’re trying to help each other out,” she explained.

The new cluster group is supporting the current 40 Days for Life campaign, September 28-November 6.

extreme party position celebrates death. This does not sit well with my God, the God of life.

Protecting life is godly and biblical—and the Republican Party platform clearly protects life. The Republican Party has taken the godly position, protecting God’s innocent and defenseless pre-born children.

Pro-life supporters everywhere should call on the Democratic Party to likewise protect human life—born and unborn—in every election cycle and for our nation’s future.

The Respect Life group at Sacred Heart Church in Glyndon holds a Holy Hour for Life every first Friday of the month.

“We pray together and then we play together,” reported Respect Life Coordinator Denise Nellies.

Sacred Heart respect lifers also visit a nursing home and sing songs with the senior citizens, and has a Spiritual Adoption program.

For more information on the Baltimore Archdiocese’s Respect Life ministry and programs, see: www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/parish-manual/upload/MASTER-PARISH-GUIDE.pdf

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You read about Chris and Pat. All of them were not meant to be here—but for the faith of my wife and the will of God.

Editor’s Note: Conyers housewife Nancy Fowler claimed that the Virgin Mary appeared to her from 1990 until 1998, when the apparitions stopped.

Archbishop John Donoghue, archbishop of Atlanta from 1993-2004, maintained a neutral policy on the alleged apparitions, but noted in 1994 many reports of good fruits at the apparition site.

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In My Humble Opinion

Boycott those who promote the Culture of Death

By Janet Baker

An avenue of activism underutilized by pro-lifers is the directing of attention to those who are material accomplices in abortion.

They may not wield the abortionist's scalpel or vacuum aspirator themselves, but without them the abortionists could not ply their deadly business.

Lately, though, some pro-lifers have been shedding much-needed light on these individuals and businesses that lend support to abortionists. Let's look at a few of them.

The first two involve the Two Rivers Planned Parenthood facility that will have opened by the time this issue lands in your mailbox.

This facility, located in North East DC, is the new headquarters of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan DC. It also is one of Planned Parenthood's mega-abortion mills.

Recent editions of *Defend Life* have highlighted the protests that have been occurring there since the building was being prepared for its new grisly purpose.

This preparation occurred under Pizzano Contractors, a general contractor located at 1019 Cameron Street in Alexandria, Virginia.

The president is Robert Pizzano, Jr., a Catholic. At one time he was on the board of directors at Bishop O'Connell High School. The company website sported the endorsement of the Diocese of Arlington as a customer.

To their immense credit, both these Catholic institutions severed relations with Pizzano when they

discovered that he'd be playing an integral role in fostering the killing of children.

Throughout these past months, pro-life activists have been pleading with him to cease construction of this death camp, but to no avail. Pizzano has a nice home in Vienna, but the mortgage is being paid in part with blood money.

While protesting the Planned

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Parenthood, some of the pro-lifers had a very telling conversation with the plumbing contractor. Among other plumbing fixtures, he is installing 33 sinks. We know what will be going down those sinks, don't we?

The plumber is Emery Wisenbaker, located in Manassas, Va. When asked by the pro-lifers if he'd install plumbing for the Ku Klux Klan, with no hesitation he answered in the affirmative. Again, his pay will be in blood money.

Let's move onto the political front. Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia is the pro-abortion Democrat candidate for vice president. He is also a member of St. Elizabeth's parish in Richmond, pastored by Father

James Arsenault.

Far from being a pastor who should be concerned for Kaine's soul, Father Arsenault praised Kaine for his "seamless garment" positions, and the parish gave Kaine a standing ovation.

Some Virginia pro-life activists were not going to let them get away with that. On August 29, a dozen of them stood outside the Sunday Masses with signs to rebuke both Kaine and the parish. Congratulations to those pro-lifers. More of that needs to be done across the country.

Some ways to start? You might start by boycotting the businesses cited above, and ask your family and friends to do the same.

Along those lines, boycott the CCHD collection that will occur in a few months.

Another step might be to shine some light on parishes where the spiritual poison of dissidence is standard fare; the gay-pandering St. Matthew Catholic Church on Loch Raven Boulevard in Baltimore comes immediately to mind.

You might consider joining in the current 40 Days for Life campaign, running from September 28 through November 6 (see 40daysforlife.com for a location near you).

Of course we want to offer Masses and pray Rosaries both for our Church and nation.

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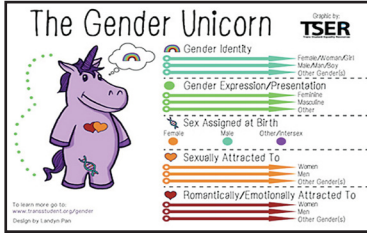


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