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State Police helicopter swoops in to surveil Truthers Trooper tells pro-life attorney, You need permit—*We* are the law

Defend Life's 17th annual summer Face the Truth Tour made stops at 15 locations across West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., from July 24-28 to show the public the ugly reality of abortion.

The dedicated pro-lifers braved grueling summer heat and nasty name-calling—but also thanks and praise—and some unusual “firsts,” both good and not-so-good.

‘We are the law’

Defend Life's Truth Tour morning stop in Bowie, Md., on July 26 was winding up when Defend Life Director Jack Ames noticed a helicopter overhead.

“It was flying at a typical altitude, maybe a thousand feet, headed in a southwesterly direction toward Route 50,” Ames recalls. I assumed that it was going to an accident scene.”

Seconds afterwards, however, a second helicopter, flying at a much lower altitude—Ames estimates about 500 feet—circled above the pro-lifers, then flew back over Route 3.

“It was obvious to me that we were being observed from the air,” says Ames.

Ten minutes later, he “called in



Face the Truth Tour visits the White House

Pro-lifers take their message to the mall on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House on July 25.

the signs.” The 20 core team volunteers, who had been stretched out holding signs, many showing aborted babies, for a quarter-mile along Route 3 and Route 450, packed their signs into vans and left for Mass at nearby Sacred Heart Chapel.

“I noticed that Katherine Adelaide, one of our volunteers who is an attorney, was still up at the very beginning of our line-up, talking to a police officer who had just arrived in a cruiser,” says Ames.

When she saw three or four police officers standing next to a

police car with flashing overhead lights, Adelaide recalls, “I was concerned about the young volunteers having to deal with police, so I hurried over.”

She thanked the officers for being there to protect the pro-lifers and asked if everything was okay.

Trooper First Class Moreno told her that there were many complaints about the signs.

“He said he understood that we had a First Amendment right to free speech, and asked me if we had a permit,” she recalls.

"I said we didn't need a permit, that we were covered by the First Amendment, and that whoever said we needed a permit needed to show him the law. He said that his supervisor said we needed a permit.

"He told me, '*We* are the law.' I said, 'No you are not the law; you enforce the law.'"

Trooper Moreno told her that they had been told to "break down the line" of protesters, and that some callers said there were "hundreds" of protesters.

Moreno then told another officer to call it in that there was no need to break down the line after observing that the line of protesters was gone.

Ames notes that during *Defend Life's* 17 years of conducting *Face the Truth* tours, the Maryland State Police on two occasions arrested pro-lifers who were peacefully protesting.

In 2006, also at the Bowie stop, a state trooper arrested 76-year-old core team volunteer Bob Newman,

charging him with refusing to obey a "lawful order" to leave.

When the case went to court, the arresting officer failed to appear and the judge dismissed the charges.

State troopers mass-arrested and jailed 18 pro-lifers, including Ames, at the Bel Air stop in 2008, claiming that they needed a permit to protest.

The Maryland State Police in 2012 agreed to pay \$385,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by nine of the arrested pro-lifers.

The settlement occurred after a U.S. District Court judge ruled a year earlier that the State Police had violated the *Defend Lifers'* First Amendment free speech rights and their Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable seizures.

The settlement agreement ordered the State Police to begin a program to train their officials and employees on First and Fourth Amendment rights.

Truthers visit White House

For the first time in its 17 years of *Truth* tours, the Truthers made a stop in front of the White House.

Ames couldn't have been happier with the location.

"The entire area on Pennsylvania Avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets is now a mall, so there is a lot of pedestrian traffic—everyone who visits Washington wants to see the White House!" he points out.

"We had many good conversations with people there; it is a great opportunity for pro-life evangelization. I talked to a lot of people from out-of-town and many foreign tourists, many of whom were pro-life."

Ames was interviewed by the White House reporter for EWTN, which aired the interview on the evening of the July 25 stop.

How 'bout a black Jesus?

Truthers have generally received a friendly reception in past years at the Reisterstown Road Shopping Plaza, which is in a predominantly African-American neighborhood in Northwest Baltimore.

But racism reared its ugly head at the stop this year.

First-time core team member Jimmy Hayden was holding an American flag and a large poster of Christ when, says Truth Tour veteran Albert Stecklein, "This African-American guy comes up and says, 'That Jesus is too white—how 'bout a black Jesus?' Then he adds, 'We're going to f--- you up unless you leave; it's your decision.'"

One of two other black men accompanying the speaker told Jimmy, "Hey, you gotta understand,



Mary Abel (left) and Katherine Adelaide, both first-time volunteers, head toward the *Face the Truth* Tour stop in Hagerstown.

this is our space! Maybe it's better you're not here," recalls Stecklein.

Hayden retreated to where Ames was standing about a hundred feet away and told the director what had happened.

The three men followed Hayden.

"This guy grabbed my third trimester sign," says Ames. "He threw it down in the street and kicked it a couple of times."

Ames called 911 and two officers arrived 20 minutes later.

Ames identified the perpetrator, who remained in the area, and the police wrote reports on the "assault by threat" against Hayden and larceny against Ames for theft of the sign.

"They did not arrest the guy," says Ames. "He was so brazen, he went over afterwards and took photos of me!"

Truthers win in Westminster

The town of Westminster has



Mark DeMarais (left) and Bill Gallagher hold signs at the Northern Parkway stop.



Heading toward the Truth Tour stop in Charles Town, West Virginia, are (from left) Joey Hayden, Jimmy Hayden and Mark Charmandy.

customarily yanked in the red carpet for the Truth Tour each year.

But this year, Defend Life made a last-minute end run around them and won.

As usual, the city put huge, lighted standing message board construction signs at either end of the demonstration, reading "Warning: Graphic Photo Demonstration Ahead."

And as usual, says Ames, "The police told us, you can do this demonstration, but you can't stand in front of this bicycle shop on Route 27.

"The owner, who must be pro-abortion, said that we were standing on private property. The police sent us a letter to that effect about six weeks before this year's tour."

The "bicycle shop" in question is about 150 feet long, says Ames, lengthy enough for three sign holders to stand in the line of protest.

"We need to maintain a continuity of signs for our message to be most effective," he explains.

For the last few years, Defend Life had complied with the order.

But this year they checked the plats and confirmed that the property in dispute was public right-of-way.

Two hours before the start of the Westminster stop, attorney Martin Cannon of the Thomas More Society called police with this information.

"They backed down" and rescinded their order, says Ames.

Still, the police came out in full force for the peaceful Westminster stop, he notes.

"They must have had every police officer on duty there, on high alert. They were riding three-wheel stand-up motor scooters.

"What a waste of taxpayers' money!"

Pro-Abortion 'Handmaid'

The core team was loading their signs into the vans after the morning stop on Charles Street in Towson July 27 when a woman dressed in a floor-length scarlet gown and a

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D.C.'s Northwest Center does double duty

By Bob Brown

The frontline in the battle to save children from abortion runs through the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Northwest Washington, D.C.

While that district bustles with trendy restaurants, noisy bars and quaint shops, the Northwest Center at 2702 Ontario Road blends into a block of row homes on a tree-lined side street just a few strides off the main drag.

The quiet location befits a ministry that lives out the gospel with humility. But the Northwest Center (NWC) also has great impact on its community.

In 2016, NWC received more than 1,600 visits from clients, most of whom reside in Washington, D.C., but also a few from Maryland and Virginia.

An article about Forestville Pregnancy Center in the May-June 2017 *Defend Life* noted that NWC is one of the resources to which FPC refers some of its homeless clients: The Northwest Center is not just a crisis pregnancy center but also a maternity home.

NWC's pregnancy center sits below ground—the lowest level of a four-story row house built with large blocks the color of wet sand.

The maternity home, encompassing the three upper floors, must be accessed by a separate outside entrance, right next door to the embassy of the Central African Republic.

The subterranean pregnancy center is a narrow suite. At the front, clients sit in a small waiting room with large, Persian-orange tinted floor tiles under a low ceiling. Six vinyl chairs, a changing table, and a receptionist's desk round out the room.

Flyers announcing job opportunities and posters promoting the beauty of life paper the walls. Two counseling rooms lie to the right as you enter, and an office and storage room fall farther back in the suite.

The maternity home is a grander affair, a spacious residence provided without charge (as are all NWC's services and gifts) to homeless women



A proud mom shows off her cute baby at Northwest Center.

who are pregnant or whose born children are less than three months old.

Wooden floor planks creak like church pews, a sound as comforting as an old, familiar hymn. The high ceilings, twisting staircase, and roomy chambers provide a touch of extravagance that most of NWC's clients likely have never experienced. Two long sofas settle at a right angle in the cavernous living room. A kitchen, laundry room, and office take up the far end of the first floor.

The maternity home's second and third floors contain six bed-

rooms and two bathrooms, but at any given moment, not all bedrooms are in use. At least one is kept open and on reserve for an emergency housing need.

A resident-manager lives on-site with the women, who are expected to do chores, respect the center's curfew, and meet with NWC Executive Director Susan Gallucci to discuss their personal, familial, and employment goals. From day one of their stay, clients work with NWC staff and volunteers to prepare for their transition out of the maternity home. While living at NWC, the women tend to form a tight-knit community and often babysit for each other, says Gallucci.

NWC policy permits women to stay at most 18 months, but some leave sooner if they find another transitional housing program, subsidized housing of their own, or arrangements with family members. An extension beyond a year-and-a-half can be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Homelessness is on the rise in Washington, says Gallucci, driven in part by the District's gentrification program now two years underway. Individuals who are unemployed or earning wages at the poverty level face a dwindling number of affordable housing options.

In the past, many homeless women in crisis pregnancy survived by couch surfing—moving from one friend's or family member's sofa to the next. Recently, an increasing number of people, including women carrying their preborn children, are sleeping on park benches, in laundromats, or are riding Metro buses all night long.

The need for safe shelter for

as pregnancy center *and* maternity home

pregnant women in Washington is at an all-time high.

Still, not every client who stays at NWC does so because of a financial crisis. Washington boasts an internationally diverse population, but many come from traditions that shame women facing unplanned pregnancies. Over the years, NWC has served a number of young, unmarried pregnant girls evicted by their families. This is what happened to Sarah (not her real name) less than two years ago.

Sarah came from a middle-class, Muslim family. At 19 and in college, Sarah was able to hide her pregnancy from her family until her father intercepted a medical document sent to her house.

He kicked Sarah (and his pre-born grandchild) out. She slept in a laundry room of another building and began to consider abortion. At more than four months pregnant, Sarah found NWC, where she was immediately and warmly welcomed.

Every day, NWC staff and volunteers live out the gospel of Jesus Christ, offering shelter, hope, and protection for outcasts, even those

(*particularly* those, one might say) from backgrounds intolerant of Christianity.

Sarah gave birth to a boy in July 2016, and the two occasionally stop by NWC to visit.

Protecting children and serving women in need has long been Gallucci's passion. While an undergraduate at Georgetown University,

Kicked out by her Muslim father, Sarah slept in a laundry room and began to consider abortion.

she volunteered at NWC when it was located in DuPont Circle. She earned a masters of social work degree (MSW) from Catholic University in 2000, and then worked for six years with Child Protection Services in Montgomery County, Md. For the last 11 years, she has been NWC's executive director.

The Georgetown connection

runs strong in NWC's history. The pregnancy center, originally located at St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church on Pennsylvania Avenue, about nine blocks northwest of the White House, was founded in 1981 by Hoya alumni and students. NWC has run a maternity home since 1993, and has been located on Ontario Road since 1997.

Natalie Jones, who oversees NWC's pregnancy center operations, also started at NWC as a volunteer while an undergraduate at Georgetown.

In 2015 she earned a MSW from Catholic University, and soon after joined NWC full time.

That both Gallucci and Jones are licensed social workers means they bring a high level of professionalism to interactions with clients facing mental health and substance abuse issues. They are also trained to make domestic violence assessments and educate women about fetal alcohol syndrome and the dangers of smoking while pregnant.

"We provide a safe space for women to slow down," says Jones, adding that NWC also provides

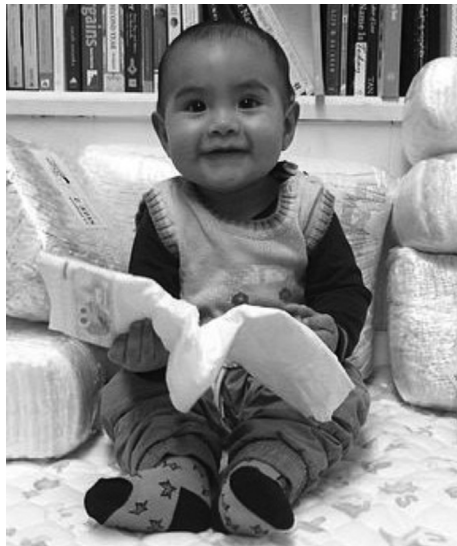


Residents of the maternity home and staff at the Northwest Center enjoy a dinner together.

many basic but important services: pregnancy testing, prenatal care, parenting classes, resume writing, interview prep and professional attire for interviews, information about food stamps and health insurance, and English as a Second Language classes.

Jones speaks Spanish fluently, and one NWC volunteer speaks Amharic, the language of many area residents who hail from Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Despite the myriad services, Gallucci counts one item as topping the Northwest Center's wish list: a sonogram machine. Research published by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates indicates that 78 percent of abortion-vulnerable women change their minds about having an abortion



A baby displays one of the diapers his mom earned in Northwest's Step-up Program.

after viewing a sonogram image of their preborn baby.

NWC has several other needs as

well. Financial donations are welcome, as are gently used clothes for babies, young children and mothers. (The D.C. Diaper Bank provides NWC's nappie needs.)

The center is also seeking to hire a development director and is looking to bring on more volunteers.

The center's main annual fundraiser is its black-tie Indian Summer Ball dinner and dance, to be held this year on October 21. For more information about supporting NWC, see northwestcenter.net.

Clients can find help at pregnancyhelpdc.org, northwestcenter@verizon.net, or (202) 438-7008.

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

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white, Puritan-style cap suddenly appeared in their presence.



A "handmaid" walks in simulated prayer at the Truth Tour stop on Charles Street in Towson.

"She walked all around our cars, with her head bowed and her hands folded, as though in prayer," recalls Stecklein.

"She didn't say anything. If we asked her, 'Can we help you?' or what she wanted, she wouldn't answer."

Her outfit and behavior was clearly referencing a 2017 TV series called "The Handmaid," based on the book, *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood.

The 1985 dystopian novel is set in a near-future New England, in a totalitarian, Christian society named Gilead that has overthrown the U.S. government and brutally subjugates women.

At the Northern Parkway stop in Baltimore that evening, the woman in red appeared once again.

"She was doing the same thing, but this time she sometimes walked in the street against traffic—and a guy was following her with a cam-

era," says Stecklein.

"Finally, she broke her silence. She was telling people to support Planned Parenthood, and support women's health.

"She said, 'These people are against Planned Parenthood!'"

The woman later went with the cameraman to a car and they drove off.

Planned Parenthood staged a protest of the proposed Senate healthcare bill on June 27 outside the Capitol building in Washington, with two dozen women dressed as "Handmaid's Tale" characters.

'Go where you're not wanted'

The Truthers had suffered a major disappointment when they learned that Fr. Denis Wilde of Priests for Life, a beloved Truth Tour

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Pro-lifer beats the odds, wins W.Va. state senate seat

Patricia Rucker has been a regular participant for years at Defend Life's Face the Truth Tour stop in Charles Town, West Virginia.

"I started going in about 2006," says Rucker; "I have tried to go every year."

Pro-life activities have been an important part of the busy life of the homeschooling mom of five kids, even when she decided to run for political office—and the pace has picked up exponentially since she was elected to the West Virginia State Senate last November.

Born Patricia Elena Puertas in Caracas, Venezuela, Rucker moved with her parents to Montgomery County, Md., in 1981, when her father, José Puertas, an international correspondent, was assigned by Agence France Presse to the Washington, DC desk.

"I've been interested in politics since I was 16," Rucker recalls. "I was passionate about government! That's why I majored in history in college."

After graduation from Trinity College, she taught social studies in Montgomery County public schools before she and husband Jimmy began their family.

After an eight-year process, Patricia was granted American citizenship in 1984.

"As soon as I could vote, I went into the voting booth," says Rucker.

"I was dismayed that I didn't know a lot of the candidates running for local offices, so I didn't know how to vote for those offices. I pledged to myself that I would get to know the local candidates and representatives."

Rucker started attending local political meetings and became active

in the local Tea Party.

"When I found out that someone was representing me and I didn't like them, I would try to get someone to run against them," she says.

One such person in the 2014 election was the incumbent delegate for District 67, her own district—Demo-



Patricia Rucker took on an "unbeatable" Democrat to win a state senate seat in West Virginia.

crat Stephen Skinner, the first openly gay lawmaker in West Virginia.

"He was a rich, well-funded lawyer—completely anti-life," says Rucker. "I couldn't stand the thought of the Democrat going unchallenged. I tried hard, but I couldn't get anyone to run against him."

So she threw her hat in the ring as the Republican candidate and waged a grass-roots campaign, doggedly going door-to-door to ask for votes.

"I lost by only 133 votes," she recalls; "it was a shock to the establishment!"

"That winter, when I lost, God spoke to me: He told me He wanted me to run for state senate."

The person who held the senate

seat in District 16 had held it for 16 years.

"He was an unbeatable Democrat. All the Republicans said nobody could beat him. But I put my name in, and this time, I started my campaign early."

Six months later, the incumbent state senator decided not to run.

Her old nemesis, Delegate Skinner, entered the race for the senate seat.

"It was me and him again," says Rucker.

"Skinner had a lot more money and connections: he had been born and raised in the area," she points out.

His campaign outspent hers 4 to 1.

"He put radio ads in DC, Hagerstown and Frederick to reach the commuters. This is a very expensive market!"

"It was ugly," she adds. "He attacked me and he lied; he said I wanted to legalize all drugs."

In the meantime, Rucker was conducting an intensive, low-budget campaign.

"From Monday through Saturday, for one and a half years, I went door-to-door for two to four hours a day. I knocked on over 15,000 doors. I also went to events and picnics."

When the votes were counted, Rucker had won by 5,000 votes.

West Virginia's 2017 legislative session began on February 8.

"It was quite a learning experience!" says Rucker. "I had no idea it was so much work."

The Harpers Ferry resident had to move to the state capital of Charleston for the session.

"Being away from my family was hard," she remembers. "I'm very grateful to have a husband who

could take over the home operations when I was gone.”

Rucker and her fellow-Republican senators, who only recently have held a very narrow majority in the Senate, faced some pro-life battles in the 2017 session.

“West Virginia is generally pro-life,” she explains, “so the candidates have to *say* they’re pro-life. But the Democrats didn’t *do* anything pro-life when they were elected to office.”

Republicans had been pushing pro-life legislation for the last three years.

“We already had a law requiring parental notification. But the law said they could get a waiver from *any* physician; it didn’t even have to be their own doctor.

“I wanted to close that loophole.”

Some young adults did some undercover investigating, going to local abortion clinics and posing as teens who wanted an abortion.

“They were told, ‘You can go to

a certain doctor and he’ll give you a waiver.

“I introduced a bill in the Senate, and another pro-lifer introduced a similar bill in the House, that amended the law so you would have to go to a judge to get a waiver. This was the only way to ensure help for a child who could not go to her parents for good reasons.”

The judge, who has access to re-

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sources such as child protective services, could make sure she got the help she needed, explains Rucker.

“The bill passed, but with a fight from the Democrats!” she says.

What advice would Rucker give a pro-lifer who was considering run-

ning for local elected office?

“I would not do it without lots of prayer,” she advises.

A devout Catholic, Rucker prayed before the Eucharist in Eucharistic Adoration.

If you do decide to run, she warns, “It is going to be difficult and ugly. You will be attacked and lied about.”

Rucker went to a campaign training program in her county, talked to other candidates, and asked them for advice.

“You also have to have a strong support team. I had a volunteer whose job was to tell me events coming up that I should go to. Another volunteer helped me to write things; I was always so exhausted after campaigning, I was too tired to write.

“It was a team effort; I couldn’t have done it without them.”

But she urges pro-lifers to run for office if they can.

“We need pro-lifers to run and win!” says Rucker.

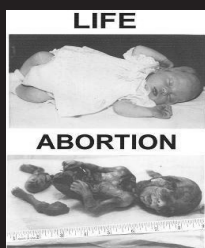


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mainstay for years who was scheduled to offer Mass for the core team on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, had broken his back and collarbone in a fall and couldn't come.

"We had a tough time getting priests for Mass; we had to scramble," remembers Truth Tour Director Julie Smith.

Opposition came in many shapes and sizes during the Tour.

"In Westminster, a young lady with a baby on her hip hand-drew a sign that said, 'Jesus equals love, not shame or shock value,'" says Smith.

"She stood in the middle of our line with her baby, saying how we made her sick to her stomach, because she had had a miscarriage."

At the final stop on Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville, says the core team's Celia Roberts, "Some women yelled at us, 'Don't take away our choice!'"

"Our tour is a good test of the strength of our faith, as you face off against the anger and hatred thrown against you," says Truther Joey



If you're catching flak, you know you're on the right target, Moira Sheridan tells Face the Truthers.

Hayden—"and it makes you stronger in the end."

In contrast, many drivers gave the pro-lifers words of encouragement and signs of support.

At the Bowie stop, at the intersection of Route 3 South and Route 450 West, "dozens of trucks passing by were giving us 'honks' in agreement with our message," says Ames.

One driver stopped and told the core team's Nick Schnitker, "Thanks to you, I decided I won't be aborting my second child."

Another driver confided happily to Truther Mark Charmandy, "When my wife was pregnant, I wouldn't give her the money for an abortion, and she didn't have it. Now my son is 11 years old!"

And at the White Marsh stop, says Stecklein, a woman rolled down her window to tell the pro-lifers, "My first granddaughter is due in 18 weeks—I'm so excited about it!"

Delaware Right to Life President Moira Sheridan, the luncheon speaker on the final day of the Tour, offered some pithy words of advice for the Truthers: "Go where you're not wanted, and keep coming back; if you're catching flak, you know you're hitting the target."

"You have God on your side," she reminded them. "You have the Catholic faith, you have the truth; you have the thirst and the zeal for justice."

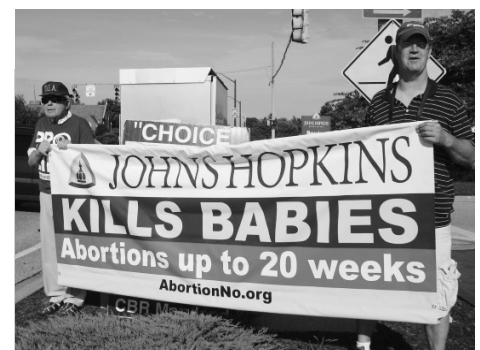
"You have to be on the front line!"

"We know we made an impact," reflects Ames.

"I couldn't be more pleased."



Sprawled out on the lawn at St. John's Church for a well-deserved rest after the Westminster stop are (from left) Joey Hayden, Stephen Roberts, Owen DeBuede (lying down), Sophia Gillespie, Celia Roberts, Jimmy Hayden, Hellen Gillespie and Rose Schmiedicke.



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*August 15, 2017 Anno Domini
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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Our 17th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour is History. It was a great success! Because of your wonderful generosity, we were able to show the grim reality of abortion to over **100,000** persons. As Father Frank Pavone has said repeatedly, ***Until America sees abortion, America will not reject abortion!***

Here are some highlights:

- Our White House **STOP**. It was one of the best we ever had. We had dozens of good conversations with tourists. Tourists visiting Washington, D.C. from all over the world, flock to the White House.
- My interview by the **EWTN** White House correspondent which aired nationally that evening.



- The Mormon at our Chevy Chase stop who had just returned from singing opera in Austria for 7 years and was soon to begin teaching opera at **Brigham Young University** in Utah. He loved our T-shirts and I promised to send him one to wear on the **BYU** Campus.
- The **Maryland State Police** helicopter flyover at our Bowie **STOP** and the subsequent visit by **Trooper First Class Moreno** who informed us he was there to **shut us down**. I remembered our 2008 landmark case with the **MSP** who were required to go back to school to learn about the **First** and **Fourth** Amendments. It reminded me of the Peter, Paul and Mary song, ***When Will They Ever Learn?***
- The 5 great speakers we had at our luncheons.
 - **Hugh Owen** is the son of the former Secretary General of International Planned Parenthood. Hugh attended Princeton and was a secular humanist until he came into the Church at age 30. He spoke about how God willed Adam into existence and how the **First 11 Chapters of Genesis** are **historical, not myth** as many biblical scholars would have us believe. For more on Hugh, **visit KolbeCenter.org**. Consider inviting this great speaker to your church or school!
 - Former Congressman B-1 **Bob Dornan** spoke on Tuesday by a remote hook-up from his home in Fairfax Station, Virginia. Bob was recovering from a seizure he experienced 12 days earlier. He spoke about the importance of the language we use in fighting abortion. He said we should call abortion what it is – **murder, not killing**. He said we kill insects, we kill animals, but we **murder, not kill, PRE-BORN** babies. He also said we must use the term **PRE-BORN**, not **UNBORN** just as we use the terms **pre-law**, **pre-flight** and **pre-op**.
 - **Barry Sullivan** gave his usual great talk, ***Sowing Seeds of Life & Reaping a Lifetime of Joy***.
 - **Kate Hunter** talked on the need for sidewalk counseling at every abortion mill in America.
 - **Moir Sheridan** spoke on how to get our **PRO-LIFE** message out at fairs and festivals.





Jack & Patti Enoch – Pro-Life Trailblazers

Jack & Patti Enoch did something great for the **PRO-LIFE** movement. For 21 years, beginning in 1992 and ending in 2013, they took the **PRO-LIFE** message to our Catholic schools. They typically spoke to 1,500-2,000 eighth grade students a year in the Archdiocese of Baltimore focusing on the development of the **pre-born** baby and describing in words the horrors of abortion. They used the fetal models that have become so popular over the years. Jack was an attorney. Patti was, and still is, a lover of dance and still teaches ballet after two hip and two knee replacements. She began dancing at age 3 and teaching dance at age 12. Together, they were the proud parents of 9 children and grandparents of 20. Jack went to his eternal reward in October 2015.

Even though Jack Enoch was on the Archdiocese of Baltimore Respect Life Committee, it wasn't easy to gain access to our parochial schools. Often, the pastor had to intervene with the school principal.

They used an overhead slide projector and transparencies to project images on the screen. They also used what they called **The Scholarship** skit. In it Jack played a senior high school boy named George, and Patti, who has been acting forever, played the mother of this teenager. A 3rd person, an 8th grade male volunteer, played George's conscience.

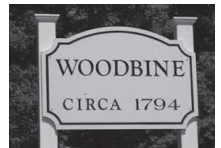
The mother is reading a just arrived letter stating that George has just received a full tuition scholarship including room and board to a prominent university. To complicate matters, George has just learned that his girlfriend is pregnant. His conscience, standing right behind him, says repeatedly **George, when are you going to tell your mother?** There is much more to this wonderful teaching skit but space does not allow.

Presently nobody has stepped forward to carry on the wonderful work Jack and Patti Enoch carried on for 21 years. **If you are interested in continuing this great work, Patti Enoch still has the material and would be delighted to coach you. Please call her at 410-377-4037.**

Lewis Leland Fleury - RIP

Here are some of my best memories of this great **PROLIFE** warrior:

- Lewis was an extremely generous supporter of **DEFEND LIFE**, a constant source of encouragement to me personally, and worked tirelessly as our Treasurer. His practical advice on legal matters pertaining to **DEFEND LIFE** was priceless.
- The wonderful **DEFEND LIFE** picnics Genevieve and Lewis hosted at their lovely Towson home.
- His incredibly beautiful singing voice. After morning weekday Masses at Immaculate Conception in Towson, he would lead all those present by singing **Holy God We Praise Thy Name**.
- Lewis actually sang at many of the great Catholic Cathedrals of Europe including **Notre Dame**, **Chartres**, the **Duomo** in Florence, and **Saint Peter's Basilica** in Rome. He did this without permission. **We do not need permission to do something pleasing to Almighty God!**
- Stories he would tell me about growing up at Woodbine Farm in Upper Falls, Maryland, where they ate what they raised and lived without the benefit of electricity and indoor plumbing.
- Frequent afternoon rounds of golf while attending University of Tennessee Law School in Knoxville. Very few law students are smart enough to play golf while attending law school.



Well done, good and faithful servant!

Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, Director

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Enclosure

Physician-assisted suicide on rise, warns MDRTL speaker

By Bob Brown

“The purpose of society is becoming the elimination of suffering. And this is shifting to eliminating the sufferer.”

So said keynote speaker Wesley J. Smith at Maryland Right to Life’s seventh annual banquet and silent auction on June 22 at Martin’s West, just off the Baltimore Beltway in Woodlawn.

The author of *The War on Humans* focused his talk on developments in physician-assisted suicide (PAS), for decades a fixture in some European countries and in recent years a movement gaining traction in the United States.

PAS proponents, who already have legislative victories in five states (California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington) and in the District of Columbia, have set their sights on Maryland.

A coalition consisting of MDRTL, the Catholic Conference, and various disability rights groups have, for three years in a row, successfully opposed PAS legislation. Each year the bill’s sponsors withdrew the bill rather than taking a (greater) PR hit from what would likely be a vote by the committee to kill it.

Europe and Canada tell a different story, however. Smith cited a study published in *The Lancet* that found that 8% of all infants who die in the Netherlands are killed by their doctors. Many of these babies don’t have terminal illnesses, Smith reported, but are euthanized because of their disabilities.

In professional journals, Dutch psychiatrists are encouraged to increase their assisted suicide work. Smith lambasted medical personnel

who are supposed to be a despondent person’s last guardian, not their executioner.

In Belgium, many mentally ill, even those without other physical maladies, are euthanized, and their organs are harvested. Smith also said that it’s becoming increasingly popular for elderly Belgian couples



Society has shifted its focus from eliminating suffering to eliminating the sufferer, says Wesley J. Smith.

to procure assisted suicides together.

Switzerland has a booming assisted suicide business: “clients” fly in from other countries to Swiss “clinics” to end their lives.

In Canada, qualified assisted suicide physicians who won’t carry out the procedure are required to refer the patient to another physician who will.

Looking at the progress PAS pushers have made, Smith asked, “Why now?” A century ago, many ill people died in agony, but today the medical community has the ability to treat pain effectively. But in a culture of death, eliminating suf-

fering is increasingly carried out by eliminating the sufferer.

Before Smith spoke, the banquet attendees, more than 200 in number, heard reports from MDRTL’s new lobbyist, Therese Hessler, as well as Congressman Dr. Andy Harris.

Hessler reported that during its 2017 session, the Maryland legislature once again showed no mercy toward preborn children. Neither of two MDRTL-supported bills, the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, made it out of committee.

But MDRTL will work with pro-life legislators to bring these bills forward in the next session, she said.

Harris, Maryland’s only pro-life Congressman, praised President Donald Trump’s pro-life agenda, saying that Trump has already surpassed what former president Ronald Reagan did for the pro-life movement. Reagan’s Mexico City policy forbade American taxpayer funding of international family planning programs that promoted or carried out abortions, but. Trump cut off all funding to such *organizations* (not just their programs).

Defunding Planned Parenthood in the United States, also on the President’s agenda, has hit some snags in the form of two Republican women senators—Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Harris noted. (At the time of the writing of this article, defunding the nation’s leading abortion business had not come to a vote.)

Harris rebuffed criticism that defunding Planned Parenthood

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Terry hopes docu sets the record straight on McCorvey

When Norma McCorvey died on February 18, the *Washington Post* concluded its obituary on her with a quote that made Randall Terry furious.

“I don’t require much in my life,” the *Post* quoted McCorvey as saying; “. . . I just never had the privilege to go to an abortion clinic, lay down and have an abortion. That’s the only thing I never had.”

The problem with the quote, Terry points out, is that Norma said it in 1994. A year later, she converted to Christianity and became active in the fight against abortion, a stance she maintained for the rest of her life.

“That’s deliberate deceit!” says Terry, and typical of the *Post* and “other rags” in their coverage of McCorvey since her conversion.

Most pro-lifers know that Norma McCorvey was the “Jane Roe” of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down the abortion laws in all 50 states.



A young Norma McCorvey wears a “Pro-Family, Pro-Choice” button before her conversion.

After McCorvey became a pro-life Christian, the mainstream media predictably gave her negative coverage.

Joshua Prager’s lengthy 2013 *Vanity Fair* article, “The Accidental Activist,” was typical; “He labeled her as a phony,” says Terry.

“Prager is working on a book

on Norma’s life. He will likely cast her in an unfavorable light.” Other liberal media will doubtless follow suit, Terry believes.

That’s why he decided to produce a documentary on Norma’s life: to set the record straight. “I felt like I owed it to her as a friend,” he adds.

“Finding Norma McCorvey: The Jane Roe of *Roe vs. Wade*,” is 98 percent complete, says Terry.

The film mixes numerous film clips, interviews and photos of McCorvey, both before and after her conversion, with contemporary interviews with a dozen of her pro-life friends.

In the 80-minute documentary, which Terry narrates, he compares her Christian conversion to that of John Newton, the notorious British slave-trader who, after his conversion, wrote the beloved hymn, “Amazing Grace.”

“Finding Norma” highlights what could actually be called the “low lights” of Norma’s life, says Terry.

“Most people aren’t aware of the horrific life she led as a child and prior to her conversion,” he points out. “That’s why her conversion is all the more startling.

The film also highlights “how God orchestrated events to bring about her conversion,” he notes.

“Finding Norma” recounts Norma’s tragic childhood, which was marred by physical and verbal abuse. Her mother beat her unmercifully. Her father’s mother was a prostitute, whom Norma often visited at a house of prostitution.

She was sent to a reform school for girls at the age of 11.

Her mother left her for several



Fr. Frank Pavone interviews Norma McCorvey after her conversion.

weeks with a male relative who raped her repeatedly.

At age 16, Norma married Woody McCorvey. While pregnant with her first child, she frequented a lesbian bar.

Her life was filled with drug and alcohol abuse, drug dealing, and promiscuity with both men and women.

Terry first met Norma when the two were on opposing sides, Terry as founder and director of Operation Rescue, which blocked the doors of abortion clinics in the 1980s, and McCorvey as a pro-abortion demonstrator who harassed him by blowing a whistle in his ear at a protest.

After Operation Rescue opened its national headquarters next to A Choice for Women abortion clinic in Texas, where McCorvey was working in 1994, OR's new director, Evangelical minister Philip "Flip" Benham, befriended McCorvey and persuaded her to attend his church.

On August 8, 1995, Benham baptized McCorvey in a backyard swimming pool in Dallas.

"God used Operation Rescue, its leaders and its foot soldiers to bring Norma to Jesus Christ," says Terry.

"After her conversion, we became friends. Norma worked with the Rescue movement and every pro-lifer she could.

"She was committed to overturning *Roe v. Wade*. The pro-choicers were rattled!"

In "Finding Norma," pro-life activists and friends of McCorvey describe her as impulsive, warmhearted, unpredictable—and haunted by her role in *Roe v. Wade*.

"She was a typical Texas woman," quips Mark Crutcher, president of Texas-based Life Dynamics: "She'd be the most gracious, affable, nicest woman you could meet—but you couldn't cross that line."

"She enjoyed the limelight!" says Rev. Rob Schenck, an Evangelical minister. "She was raw, unpretentious in her humanity. She always let you know what she thought!"

"I got to know her over the years," says Fr. Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life. "She had a good sense of humor; we always ended up with a laugh."

"She asked me a lot of questions about Catholicism," remembers Janet Morana, Priests for Life's executive director.

On August 17, 1998, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Dallas, Norma was received into the Catholic Church.

But the thought of the babies being murdered because of *Roe v. Wade* tormented her, says Terry.

"She told me, 'I know God has forgiven me, but I can't forgive myself,'" says Crutcher.

A heavy drinker and lifelong smoker, McCorvey suffered from chronic bronchitis.

When she died at age 69 of heart failure at an assisted living facility in Katy, Texas, her pro-life friends were at her bedside, praying the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

"She reached up her hands as if she were embracing someone," recalls pro-lifer Karen Garnett. "She went from 'Where are the babies?' to 'Look at all the babies! Look at these two babies right in front of us!'"

"She was at peace," she concludes.

Terry hopes that the documentary "will set the record straight about Norma."

His organization, the Society for Truth and Justice, hopes to distribute "Finding Norma" through Christian networks first.

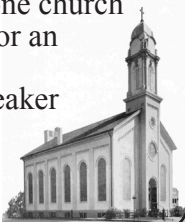
"Then we will ultimately make it free to everyone online," says Terry.

Randall Terry is host of the daily TV show, "Randall Terry Voice of Resistance." His website is randallterry.com.

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Pro-lifer Karen Garnett sits beside Norma McCovey at the assisted living home in Katy, Texas.

Book Review

Godless concepts of humans have wrought deadly consequences

By Diane Levero

At the Bel Air stop of Defend Life's 2004 summer Face the Truth Tour, several pro-abortion teens came up and challenged some of the pro-lifers.

All animal life is of equal value, the teens declared; a chicken or even a snake is as valuable as a human being.

"You pro-lifers eat meat," one girl pointed out. "You kill animals, which are just as valuable as humans. So you have no right to tell anyone they can't choose to have an abortion!"

The pro-lifers were nonplussed. How could these kids think a chicken is just as valuable as a baby?

"What if you were driving on a bridge and ahead there was a chicken and a little baby crawling on the roadway," one pro-lifer shot back.

"You couldn't veer around and you were going too fast to stop in time. Wouldn't you choose to hit the chicken rather than the baby?"

"It wouldn't matter which one you hit," the girl insisted. The other teens nodded solemnly in agreement.

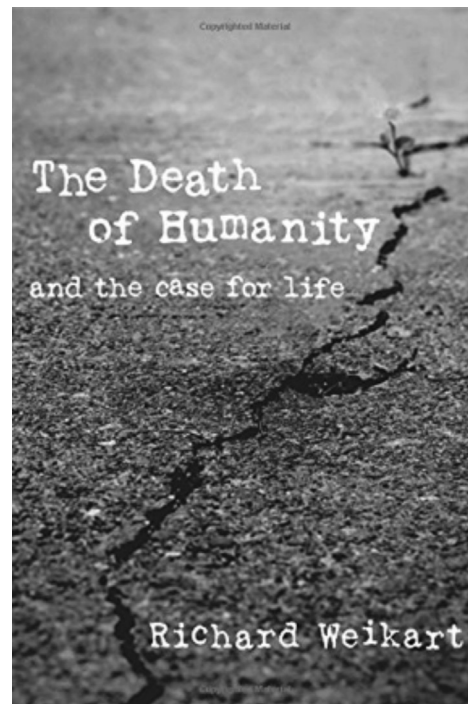
The Face the Truthers couldn't believe their ears—where in the world had these kids gotten these crazy ideas?

Richard Weikart gives us the answer in *The Death of Humanity and the case for life*.

Weikart, a professor of modern European history at California State University and Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture, traces the historical roots of the premise that

humans are just one species among animals and no more important or valuable than any other species.

"Since the time of the Enlightenment in the eighteenth century—and especially in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—many Western intellectuals have dispensed with the view that humans are created in the image and likeness of God and thus



have immeasurable value and inalienable rights," he declares.

Most mainstream Enlightenment thinkers agreed with Thomas Jefferson's position in the Declaration of Independence because they still believed in a God who had created humans and immutable moral laws.

But a minority, the Radical Enlightenment thinkers, embraced philosophical materialism, an atheistic view that nothing exists except matter and energy.

The Radical Enlightenment would spawn secular philosophies that grew stronger over the next couple of centuries, says Weikart.

Greatly aiding and abetting these philosophies was Darwin's theory of evolution, which convinced people that the distance between humans and other animals was not all that great.

"Christianity teaches that humans are intrinsically valuable because they are created in the image and likeness of God. Their lives have purpose and meaning. They have attributes that set them apart from other animals, such as rationality, linguistic ability, creativity, free will, aesthetic sense, and religious yearnings," says Weikart.

But, armed with the twin weapons of Radical Enlightenment and Darwinian theory, the intelligentsia have attacked Christianity with fervor, achieving impressive—and appalling—results.

Hitler based the murder of two hundred thousand disabled and the killing of millions of Jews on Friedrich Nietzsche's view that Darwin's theory of evolution proved some humans are more valuable than others and justified the killing of inferior humans by superior humans.

Weikart links the depredations of the Marxist governments of Stalin, Chairman Mao and Pol Pot to Marx's philosophy, grounded in economic determinism, that human nature was not determined by God but shaped by economic conditions, and that communism could alter human nature.

Marx condoned force and violence to reshape humanity. Stalin's

forced collectivization program, his purges and the Soviet Gulags; Mao's executions, labor camps and massive famine resulting from his Great Leap Forward; Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge genocidal regime in which one out of seven Cambodians perished—between these and other communist regimes, the total number of people slain in the name of communism approaches 100 million.

The increasing secularization of European and American intellectual life has permeated almost every aspect of our lives, says Weikart.

With God out of the picture, men are free to promote a moral philosophy based on pleasure.

"The single-minded pursuit of pleasure and sexual profligacy are becoming mainstream in American culture," he observes.

"Not only are Hollywood, the media, and the internet saturating American culture with a pleasure-seeking, sex-saturated mentality, but universities are purveying the same values."

Weikart covers a multitude of philosophers, scientists and others who have influenced society's con-

cept of humanity for the worse.

Among them is John B. Watson, a psychology professor at Johns Hopkins University in the early 1900s. Watson founded behaviorism, a form of environmental determinism that rejects body-soul dualism and focuses solely on what

**According to Watson,
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behavior a psychologist can observe.

According to Watson, all human behavior is caused by some stimulus from the environment that evokes a completely determined response; thus, a person is nothing but a stimulus-response machine. Any flaws in a person's behavior are entirely the fault of his or her parents and teachers, he maintained.

Watson was sure that, given the power, he could transform human-

ity. Child-rearing should not be left up to parents, he insisted, but "worked out by patient laboratory methods."

Ideally, children should be raised as much as possible under laboratory control; mothers would not know the identity of their children, who would be rotated among families until the age of 20.

Despite some of his bizarre ideas, Watson won many disciples, and behaviorism dominated American psychology through the mid-twentieth century.

Once loosed from the fetters of the Judean-Christian sanctity-of-life ethic, intellectual elites were free to support the "right to suicide," euthanasia (voluntary and involuntary), abortion, and even infanticide.

Many of us are familiar with Peter Singer, who holds an endowed chair in bioethics at Princeton University, and his view that parents should be allowed to kill a defective infant.

Most people are horrified by his assertion; yet, it is only a logical extension of the determinist view that justifies abortion, euthanasia and suicide.

Weikart details the faulty reasoning and logical fallacies of the intellectuals who assure us that humanity is just a cosmic accident.

Despite their declarations to the contrary, however, "most people understand at some level that human life has meaning, that it is not devoid of purpose," he believes.

"I consider Christianity the proper antidote for the death of humanity," concludes Weikart; "Jesus told His disciples, 'I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.'"

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In My Humble Opinion

Do not ask for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for Charlie Gard—and us

By Janet Baker

On July 24 Chris Gard and Connie Yates, the parents of Baby Charlie Gard, ended their legal battle to bring their baby to the United States for experimental treatment.

Mr. Gard rightly excoriated the legal system for mandating that Charlie go for months without treatment, thus greatly reducing his chances for survival.

On July 28, Baby Charlie died.

Many are aware of the tragic plight of Charlie Gard. For those who aren't, here is a brief synopsis.

Charlie was an 11-month-old infant in England with a rare condition called mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome.

He was on a ventilator at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The hospital wanted to remove him from the ventilator, in complete disregard of his parents' wishes and rights.

His parents, through the generosity of others throughout the world, raised over \$1.7 million (U.S. dollars) to bring him to the U.S. for treatment. Both the British and European Union courts ruled that Charlie's parents had no right to take him from the hospital and that the hospital could take him off the ventilator.

This case garnered international attention. As a result, British authorities had "cause for pause." After a hearing (from which hospital attorneys attempted to bar Charlie's parents) the courts decided to let an American doctor (who has some expertise with this syndrome) examine Charlie.

Charlie's condition was deter-

mined to be too far deteriorated for the experimental treatment to be effective.

Earlier in July, President Trump offered assistance to the Gard family. In contrast, the response from several Catholic organizations has been nothing short of abysmal.

The so-called "Pontifical Academy for Life" (that recently saw all its faithful members summarily dismissed) issued on June 28 a statement that gave the green light to the murderous British and EU courts while offering crocodile tears to the parents.

It's worth pointing out that in the course of so doing, it misquoted *Evangelium Vitae*. The PAF said, "We must also accept the limits of medicine and, as stated in paragraph 65 of the encyclical *Evangelium Vi-*

tae, avoid aggressive medical procedures that are disproportionate to any expected results or excessively burdensome to the patient or the family."

In reality, EV stated that the family *may* forego such treatments, not *must* avoid. Moreover, the context of EV makes plain that the decision lies with the patient or his/her family, not medical professionals.

After this PAF statement sparked much outrage, the Gesu Bambino Hospital, owned by the Vatican, offered to care for Charlie.

At the same time, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops spearheaded a meeting of Catholic leaders in Florida called the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. These "leaders" displayed not one scintilla of real Catholic leadership,

The inaction by this Catholic organization typifies the failure of certain Catholic groups to speak out for Charlie Gard and for his parents' rights.



Catholic Mobilizing Network
to End the Use of the Death Penalty
Nonprofit Organization

JUL 8TH, 8:17PM

Did I miss something? So far I've seen nothing from you all regarding Baby Charlie Gard who is about to be condemned to death by a British hospital despite his parents' wishes. Now there is a truly unjust deprivation of life that is about to occur. When will you utter a peep about that?

MON 9:16AM

Hi Janet. Thanks for writing. CMN's mission is to end the death penalty and promote restorative justice. Thus, the sad case of little Charlie Gard does not directly correlate to our mission, though we certainly advocate for the consistent ethic of life. There are other organizations (Catholic and otherwise) that work on euthanasia or end-of-life issues, so Charlie's case is best left to them. Thanks again for your concern and understanding.



for this “convocation” made no mention of the travesty occurring across the Atlantic.

I’ve also noticed much silence from the progressive Catholics who’ve championed the abolition of the death penalty (that would go against traditional Catholic teaching, by the way).

Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Men Walking,” has uttered not one peep.

The heretical Jesuit (is that redundant?) magazine *America* published an article on July 5 by an alleged medical ethicist entitled “What Some Pro-Lifers Have Overlooked in the Case of Charlie Gard” (americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/07/05/what-some-pro-lifers-have-overlooked-case-charlie-gard).

Take a look at the article’s comments. Many of the readers are very astute and have no problem telling this “ethicist” what *he* overlooked.

I also contacted the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Death Penalty. I thought that since this bunch disapproved of the death penalty as applied to convicted criminals, perhaps they would find the attempt to put Charlie to death

to be even more abhorrent.

I engaged in an exchange with them on Facebook; you can see their sorry “cop-out” response on the previous page. So much for the much-vaunted “seamless garment” theory! They flat-out don’t care about Charlie—at best.

The judge and bureaucrats involved in this tragedy have the blood of Baby Charlie on their hands.

When Obamacare was first being debated in 2009-2010, Sarah Palin warned of the “death panel” provisions that were buried within the 2000-plus page monstrosity known as the Affordable Care Act. Who recalls how the left-wingers mocked and pilloried her for broaching that topic?

Even some so-called “conservatives” looked askance on her dire warnings. Are they laughing now?

England is further down the primrose path to socialistic hell than is the United States. The col-

lusion between the Great Ormond Street Hospital, the National Health Service and the British and European court systems is—among other things—the embodiment of death panels.

How many times does this go on in England? It happens here, but I would suspect that the British medical system engineers more deaths than we might care to imagine.

The matters of Planned Parenthood and abortion funding, while vitally important, are by no means the only reasons why pro-life people must work for the complete repeal of Obamacare.

Make no mistake: the examination of baby Charlie would never have been allowed had not good people bestirred themselves to shine the light on deadly abuses that are part and parcel of how socialistic medicine operates in England.

Nameless bureaucrats have acted as little Roman emperors in a coliseum, giving “thumbs up” or “thumbs down” to helpless patients, regardless of the wishes of the patients or their families.

Judge Nicholas Francis, who imperiously ruled that the state could usurp the God-given rights of Charlie’s parents to make health care decisions for their child, and the other bureaucrats involved in this tragedy have the blood of baby Charlie on their hands.

Moreover, those who shrugged their shoulders in apathy, and who continue to do so as thousands of babies are slaughtered via abortion each day, will share both in blood-guilt and in responsibility for the collapse of Christian civilization.

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would decrease access for women to non-abortion services: The federal dollars would be redirected to community health centers that don’t kill babies.

Harris applauded the election of Karen Handel, who won the race for Georgia’s sixth Congressional district despite heavy funding of her opponent: Planned Parenthood alone contributed \$735,000 to Handel’s Democratic challenger.

In 2012 Handel left her senior vice president position with Susan G. Komen for the Cure when the organization decided to restore its funding of Planned Parenthood.

Handel later wrote *Planned Bullyhood*, an insider’s tale of Planned Parenthood’s “ugly, modern-day shakedown” (in the words of a September 18, 2012, review of Handel’s book by *The Washington Times*) of the cancer-fighting charity.

“We need pro-life women in Congress—bottom line,” said Harris.

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Why are you here?



Jack Ames (left) and Justice Shakur stand arm-in-arm after a long discussion about abortion at Johns Hopkins Bayview.

Linda Bocklage was handing out flyers at Defend Life's monthly protest at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center on June 21 when a young man walked up and asked, "Who's in charge here?"

Linda pointed to Jack Ames, who was standing in the median strip of Bayview Boulevard next to a sign proclaiming, "Johns Hopkins Kills Babies: Abortions Up To 20 Weeks."

Justice Shakur, a teacher at Harbor High School in South Baltimore, went over to Ames. "I'd like to ask you some questions. Why are you here?"

"Because human life is precious! We have to protect human life, wherever it is," Ames replied. "What's the difference between a radical terrorist mowing down people with a truck *after* they're born and killing them in the womb *before* they're born?"

Shakur peppered Ames with earnest follow-up questions, which the Defend Life director answered patiently, and a long, courteous exchange ensued.

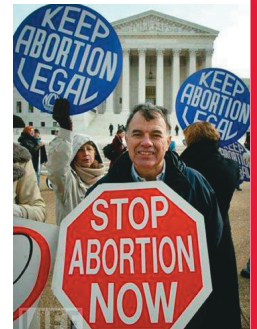
Steve Potorti and Jim Bocklage, holding a protest banner near the sidewalk, got mixed reactions from motorists.

"One woman waved and shouted, 'God bless you!' said Potorti. "Another lady shouted, 'Shut up!' We weren't even saying anything! People don't respect your right to protest anymore," he lamented.

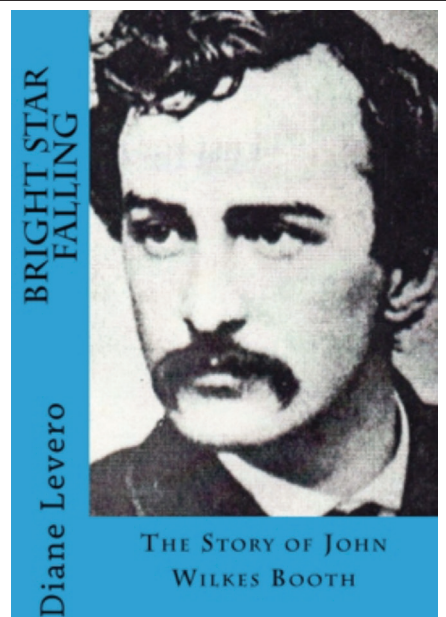
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