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Coming soon to a library near you

Md. libraries read rainbow books, host kids' GLBT 'Pride' parade

"Because this is Pride Month, one of the ways that 'Pride' is celebrated is with parades—so we're going to have our own parade!" author Gayle Pitman promised her audience at Odenton Public Library on June 23.

"I love parades!" exclaimed a pretty little girl, one of ten children with their accompanying adults seated on the floor for Rainbow Storytime.

Odenton was one of four Anne Arundel County, Md., public libraries to sponsor a Rainbow Storytime during June to "celebrate" what the American Library Association proclaimed as GLBT Book Month

The children, from toddlers to age 5, were shy at first, but warmed up as Pitman led them in lively children's songs about rainbows and "different" families, and read them gay-themed picture books, including her own book, *This Day in June*.

"This book is about Pride parades," she told the kids as she turned the pages and read from it.

"If you live in a family where there are lesbian, gay or bisexual people, these parades are especially enjoyable."

The parade always starts with motorcycles, she said—"a group of women dressed as men, called



Children gather around as author Gayle Pitman reads from her book celebrating Pride parades at Odenton Library.

'Dykes on Bikes.'

"The motorcycles are going *Vroom, vroom, vroom!* Can you make a sound like a motorcycle?"

The children chimed in enthusiastically with motorcycle sounds.

"But sometimes in the parade you will see *men* dressed as *women*—including the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence!" she exclaimed, pointing to a picture of a "nun" with a slight beard stubble

"They're there to spread joy to everyone!"

"Loving kisses, so delicious," she read from a two-page spread of happy homosexual couples embrac-

ing and kissing, one couple wearing "Just Married" ribbons.

"Really, a Pride parade is all about love!" Pitman concluded.

After she led the children in a song—"All of us have different families!"—Pitman led them around the room in a Pride parade, with the kids happily banging cymbals, beating small drums, and shaking maracas.

'All I need is love!'

Rainbow Storytimes were also held at Anne Arundel County's Edgewater, Riviera Beach, and

Maryland City at Russett libraries in June.

At the Maryland City library on June 16, library associate Judy Bausell read aloud from the picture book *Families, Families, Families*.

The book portrays different kinds of families with colorful illustrations of happy animal “families,” including two proud roosters with their contented baby chick.

“Some children have two daddies,” explains *Families*—“Some children have two mommies. Some children’s parents are married; some children’s parents are not.”

After reciting a lengthy litany of different kinds of families, the book informs its young readers that “If you love each other, then you’re a family.”

The children made “rainbow” wristbands with purple, yellow, blue and orange ribbon streamers, then danced about to the sound track of



Gayle Pitman leads children in a Pride parade at Odenton Library.

“All I need is love.”

Anne Arundel County also hosted two events for adults for GLBT Book Month.

A spokesman for the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights gave a presentation on sexual orientation, gender identity and Maryland law at the Odenton library.

Deale library held a book discussion on the “coming-of-age”

gay novel, *Call Me by Your Name*, a *New York Times* bestseller (and later, a movie).

‘Sexualization of children’

The American Library Association has been “celebrating” GLBT Book Month since 2015.

“This occasion is an opportunity for book lovers and libraries with the very best in LGBT literature,” the ALA states on its website.

In September 2017 the ALA sponsored Banned Books Week, “an annual event celebrating the freedom to read,” according to its website.

Lexington Park Library in St. Mary’s County, Md., presented a display of “banned books” in its teen section.

The books, many with sexually graphic and salacious content, were covered in brown paper bags bearing signs reading, “Lift to see the banned book, you rebel, you.”

Parents raised a furor over the display, complaining to the county’s Board of Commissioners about “the sexualization of children in our libraries” (“Library’s ‘banned books’ display angers St. Mary’s residents,” *Defend Life*, Nov.-Dec. 2017).



Librarian Judy Bausell reads aloud *Families, Families, Families* at Rainbow Family Storytime at an Anne Arundel County public library.

Hey, hon—what’s goin’ on in Hampden?

Gentrification ratchets up anti-life animus in Hampden

Things were not going well at the Respect Life booth at Hampdenfest 2017.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church’s Respect Life Committee had sponsored a pro-life booth at Hampden’s annual community festival, held every September in the North Baltimore neighborhood since 2006.

Their booth features pro-life literature and a boxed display with realistic models of unborn babies at various stages of development.

Over the years, the reaction to the display has been mostly positive, says Martha (“Marty”) Taylor, the committee’s chairman: “Lots of people would come up and say, ‘Thank-you for being here!’”

When there’s opposition, “We’d get into conversations, but there’s often a peaceful exchange of viewpoints.

“Or when people didn’t like us, they’d walk by with their noses in the air—or drop a nasty remark and move on.”

Not so at last year’s festival on September 9.

In the morning, as usual, the crowd consisted mostly of families, often with children and/or pregnant moms.

As the day wore on, however, the number of family groups decreased and the number of young adults increased.

‘I’m with Stupid’

By late afternoon, “After they had been drinking for a while, they began harassing us,” says Marty.

Two young men acted as the ringleaders. “They made signs out



Marty Taylor displays the box of unborn baby models knocked over by harassers at last year’s Hampdenfest in Baltimore.

of cardboard. One read, ‘I’m with Stupid,’ with an arrow pointing toward us.”

Other signs contained crude remarks about the pro-lifers.

The two ringleaders “would text their friends—mostly men, but some young women—who came and went; there were usually about five or six people there at a time,” recalls Taylor.

The harassment went on non-stop for about two hours.

“We’ve never had people harass us for several hours straight like that before,” says the pro-lifer.

Closing time—7 p.m.—came. “But the weather was so beautiful and everyone was having a good time, so everyone was staying.

“We were staying because we wouldn’t let ourselves be driven out!”

Suddenly, someone threw a beer at one of the pro-lifers.

Then someone else upended the

box with the baby models, scattering them on the ground. A picture got knocked off the table in the process, its glass breaking into shards.

One of the “babies” went missing and was never found.

“The [Hampdenfest] volunteers asked the harassers to leave, but they refused,” says Taylor.

“Then they asked us to leave, so we left, because it was going badly for us.”

Hampden gets gentrified

Hampden began in the 1800s as a residential community for workers at the cotton and flour mills that were springing up along Jones Falls. It grew and prospered into the first half of the twentieth century.

But as factories and mills closed or were relocated in the 1960s and 1970s, Hampden experienced an economic downturn.

With factory jobs no longer

available, the neighborhood decayed. Crime, drug usage, out-of-wedlock births and families on welfare increased.

Since the early 1990s, however, Hampden has undergone a renewal, as artists and others moved in. Trendy boutiques, restaurants and specialty shops opened up on the four-block stretch of 36th Street known as The Avenue.

“Hampden used to be working-class,” says Taylor; “now it’s more gentrified, with more young people.”

Substantial opposition to the Respect Life booth came to a boiling point at the Hampdenfest in 2010.

The Hampden Village Merchants Association and the Hampden Community Council, co-organizers of the festival, said afterwards that they had received complaints that Respect Life had offended festivalgoers with its aggressive proselytizing of children.

Taylor says that the complaints came mostly from a vendor next to their booth.

“She was very disagreeable—reprehensible!” says the pro-lifer.

“She lied about us: she said we drew in children from the crowd and told them, ‘Do you know that these babies are killed?’ We would never do or say such a thing!”

Church groups banned

Based on the complaints, the organizers banned all church-sponsored groups from participating in the 2011 festival.

“But the exclusion was aimed to keep *us* out. We know that they [the organizers] don’t like us,” Taylor declares bluntly.

The Hampden merchants association does have a legal right to

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Hampden merchants welcome witchcraft, sex toy stores

While the Hampden Village Merchants Association doesn’t want a pro-life booth at Hampdenfest, it apparently has no problems with a store selling “how to” witchcraft books and accessories.

The association is also okay with a “sex toy” store that, in addition to dildos and vibrators, offers customers over two dozen BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism) items.

They include a bondage kit, “under the bed” restraints, leather wrist cuffs, mini-flogger whips, and nipple clamps.

Crystals, Candles and Cauldrons, which describes itself as a New Age store, opened for business at the corner of 36th Street and Roland Avenue in 2008.

Sugar, the sex toy store, moved into Hampden at about the same

time.

In 2014 Sugar moved from its location in Hampden Hall to its present location at 1001 West 36th Street.

At a Merchants Association meeting, merchants congratulated the sex store owner on the move, according to the *Baltimore Sun* (“Sex toy shop moving into former HONtown space in Hampden,” February 19, 2014).

“She’s [Sugar owner Jacq Jones] been a valuable member of our community for seven years,” said Association President Benn Ray, according to the article.

Crystals, Candles and Cauldrons sells books on how to cast witch spells, wicca, neopagan rites, and animal “magick.”

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A grinning black skull in a miniature cauldron shares display space with votive candles and saints at Crystals, Candles and Cauldrons.

Planned Parenthood comes to Honfest, stirs up controversy

Vendors and volunteers were setting up their stands at North Baltimore's annual Honfest early on the morning of June 9 when a long-time Hampden resident, walking home from morning Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, saw an unwelcome sight.

Planned Parenthood was setting up a booth along the four-block stretch of 36th Street—the first time it had participated in Honfest, as far as Cathy (not her real name) knew.

Part of their display was a big spinning prize wheel. One of the prizes they were giving out was condoms.

Cathy was appalled: "I'm thinking of little kids walking by and seeing those condoms being given out!" she exclaimed.

She was also angry. Years ago, she said, the Respect Life group at Thomas Aquinas had applied for a booth at Honfest, but was turned down.

Respect Life Committee chairman Marty Taylor concurred: Honfest organizer Denise Whiting refused to let them take part "because she wanted to avoid controversial groups," said Taylor.

"At the time this meant no pro-life groups and no Planned Parenthood either," she recalled.

Taylor was sorry to hear that Planned Parenthood was now allowed at Honfest.

"Apparently Whiting or the neighborhood or the times have changed so much, a Planned Parenthood booth is no longer seen as controversial in Hampden," she observed.

Never not welcome!

Denise Whiting adamantly de-



Defend Life Director Jack Ames stands outside Café Hon in Hampden, where controversy has been brewing over the inclusion of a pro-life booth at Honfest.

nied refusing to allow the Respect Life group from Thomas Aquinas to have a booth at Honfest.

"We welcome everybody," she told *Defend Life* during a June 15 interview at her Hampden restaurant, Café Hon; "they were *never* not welcome here! I'm a Catholic—why would I deny them?"

Whiting insisted that the group had had a booth at Honfest in previous years. She added that they were not here this year because they did not file an application for a booth.

"What we have here is a 'She said—*She* said' situation," commented Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

"There's a simple way to solve this problem: Let St. Thomas Respect Life file an application for a

booth at next year's Honfest, and let Ms. Whiting allow the group to participate in Honfest 2019."

Less obtrusive flamingo

Café Hon and Honfest derive their names from the word "Hon," short for "Honey"—a term that ladies in the working-class neighborhoods of Baltimore have used as a term of endearment for everyone for many years.

Café Hon opened in 1992, and two years later, Whiting began holding a beauty pageant to name Baltimore's Best Hon. Women wearing the beehive hairdos, cat's eye glasses and leopard print outfits in vogue

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Truth Tour braves elite derision, drenchings, ditzzy ‘handmaid’

When the Face the Truth Tour core team arrives at a new stop, the first sign to go up is a giant blue feather banner with the word LIFE and a likeness of an unborn baby.

At the noon stop in Roland Park on July 26, the feather banner was barely hoisted and the pro-lifers were just starting to set up the graphic signs showing aborted babies when passersby “started yelling at us; they were so aggressive!” said core team member Mary Grace.

“We were getting a lot of negative response,” agreed pro-lifer Sophia Gillespie. “I’ve never seen such negative reactions!”

Roland Park was a new stop for Defend Life’s annual summer Face the Truth Tour, which sweeps across West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland, showing the public the ugly truth about abortion at 15 locations over five days.

“The negative feedback at Roland Park was predictable,” said Defend Life Director Jack Ames. “I told our core team to be ready for it.”

Roland Park is the most elite neighborhood in Baltimore, he explained: “Affluent neighborhoods are 90% pro-abortion. That’s the way they think—the two go hand-in-hand.”

The Roland Park stop, at Roland and Colorado avenues, is just blocks away from the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

“Our stop was near Eddie’s Supermarket and Starbucks; both support Planned Parenthood,” Ames noted.

In the midst of all the hostile shouting against the pro-lifers, however, one woman driver confided to Sophia, “I almost aborted my oldest; she’s 21 now. So prayers for you!”



On Day 2 of Defend Life’s Face the Truth Tour, pro-lifer Ashley Morgan employs a powerful stereo amplifier in front of the White House, urging America to end the evil of abortion.

Soaked through

This year’s Truth Tour, from July 23-27, was undisputedly the wettest.

“It rained every single day!” said Truth Tour Director Therese Rodriguez.

“Many people had ponchos—or they just got soaked through,” said Ames. “We didn’t have a change of clothes with us, so you just dried off.”

“There wasn’t anything to do but get soaking wet,” agreed Rodriguez.

“But one of the best things about the tour was that every single core team member, all the way from the youngest, who’s 11, to Jack, who’s 76, was deeply committed through

these drenching rainstorms. They held their ground.

“The teamwork was beautiful!” she added. “These were the kind of colleagues you would want to work with; they were intent on quietly proclaiming the truth.”

As usual, the pro-lifers met with both cheers and jeers: “Thank-you for what you’re doing!” and middle fingers or “Go home, get a job!” said Rodriguez, who had brought her own 11- and 15-year-olds and two of their friends, 15 and 17.

“But seeing mothers yelling at us in front of their children—that was the worst thing for some of our teen core team members. It was exhausting to their spirit to hear that,” she reflected.

At the stop on the pedestrian

mall in front of the White House, however, “After the negative comments to the teens, other people would come up to them and tell them, ‘What you’re doing is wonderful! God will bless you for it.’”

One especially welcome reception came from a squirrel, who approached core teamer Ambrose Rucker, son of West Virginia State Senator Patricia Rucker (the July 23 luncheon speaker), probably in hopes of getting fed.

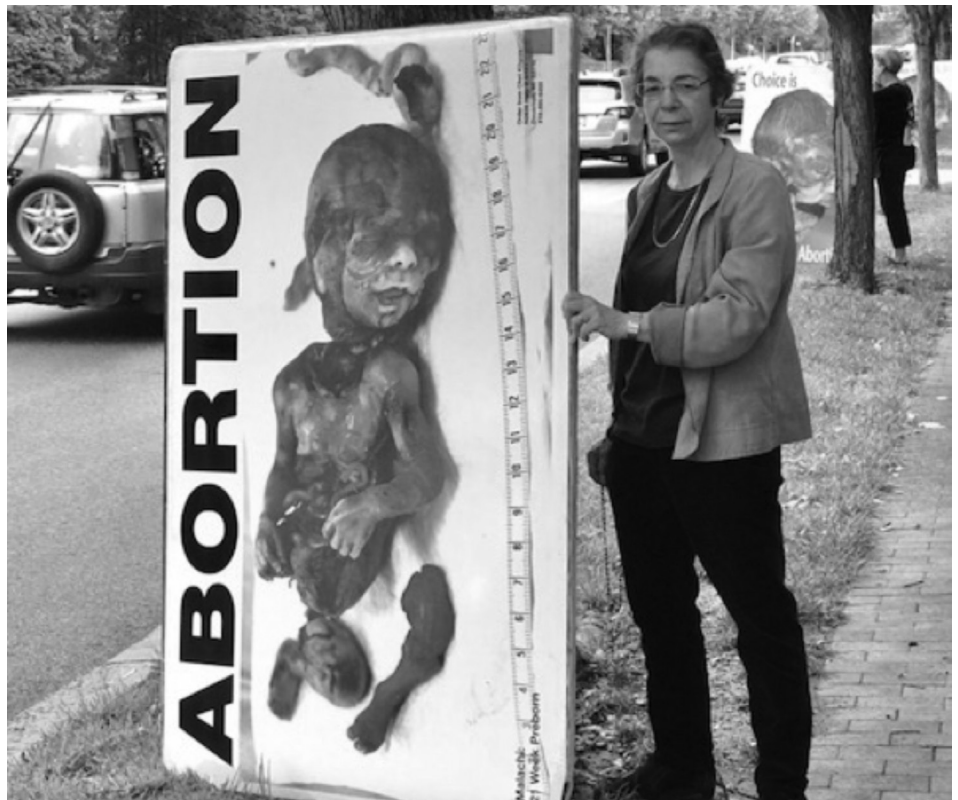
“He was feeding the squirrel, and a lot of people, attracted by the sight, came up and talked to him about the signs,” recalled Rodriguez.

‘Handmaid’ harasser

At the Roland Park and Northern Parkway stops, a young wom-



Susan Pawlukiewicz displays a “What Planned Parenthood Does” sign on Northern Parkway.



Monica Miller, founder of the new Red Rose Rescue Movement, holds a sign at the Chevy Chase stop on July 24.

an conducted a one-person protest against the pro-lifers.

Dressed in a long red dress and white, Puritan-style cap in imitation of the characters of the 2017 TV series, “The Handmaid,” which targeted Christian conservatives, she held derogatory signs and shouted epithets.

“She walked around and used the ‘F’ word a lot,” said pro-lifer Maureen Stansell. “One of her signs said, ‘Don’t Listen to These People.’”

“Another sign read, ‘These People Are Crazy,’ and had arrows pointing to us,” said core team member Albert Stecklein—“and *she’s* the one walking in the middle of the street against traffic!”

The police eventually came and told her she couldn’t disrupt traffic.

“The City police could not have been nicer or more professional,” said Ames.

“It was pathetic, really,” said Stansell. “I think she’s a very hurt person.

“I told her, ‘If you had an abortion, God will forgive you.’ And that I was praying the rosary for her.

“She seemed kind of taken aback.”

Dancing, donations, dives

Despite the Noah’s Ark-style rain and the pro-abortion harassers, there were many bright spots throughout the tour:

- A driver stopped his car and joined the pro-lifers in Germantown. When Ames asked him why, he said, “I was adopted and my father was adopted.”
- In Bowie on Route 301, said Ames, “There were an incredible number of truckers; most

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



Our **18th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** was one of our most memorable. Details to follow, but first let me thank **Therese Rodriguez**, our outstanding Tour Director, Home Schooling mother of **6**, superb teacher of Natural Family Planning, and a **Certified Financial Planner**.

She was outstanding in every aspect, a great organizer, ever cheerful, and even told great jokes. I met Therese while she was a student at CUA. Thanks also to **Julie Smith**, her long-time predecessor, for her many years of faithful work!

But most importantly, I want to thank each of **YOU**, our wonderful donors, who gave so generously to our Truth Tour. Without **YOU**, our Tour could never have gotten off the ground!

Here are some **very special moments** from our 18th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour.

- The high-voltage electrician who had worked all night and stopped to join us in Germantown. He said he was **PRO-LIFE** because he had been adopted, as had been his adoptive father.
- The 3 high school students we met at the **White House** who wanted to become involved.
- The lovely obviously **PRO-LIFE** family from Amsterdam (as in the Netherlands) with their 4 beautiful daughters and younger brother, who was busy riding a scooter.
- The good lady at our Roland Park stop in Baltimore who gave us \$5. Roland Park is probably the most **elitist Pro-Abortion** neighborhood in all of Baltimore.
- The man at our Catonsville final stop who gave Katherine Adelaide his expensive umbrella in torrential downpour so blinding that we could not even see across the highway.
- The many wonderful persons who opened their homes for our 24-person Core Team.
- And then there were our **7** great speakers.
 - **Larry Grayson, P.E., Ph.D.**, who spoke about very bad Supreme Court decisions which led to **Roe v. Wade**. He concluded with remarkable facts about Our Lady of Guadalupe.
 - Venezuelan-born West Virginia **State Senator Patricia Rucker**, Home Schooling mother of **5**, who with the power of the Holy Spirit is doing heroic things to fight abortion in that state.
 - **Monica Miller, Ph.D.** the founder of Red Rose Rescue (visit **RedRoseRescue.org**) who is doing heroic work to eradicate abortion in America. Read her fantastic book, **Abandoned: The Untold Story ...**
 - **Bob Marshall, 26-year** alumnus of the Virginia House of Delegates, told us what each of us must do politically to **Take Back America**. Read Bob's book, **Reclaiming the Republic**.



- **Moira Sheridan**, President of Delaware Right to Life, told us the numerous displays DRTL is having at their State Fair, **Firefly Music Festival**, which attracts 90,000 youths annually, and numerous other events.
- **Day Gardner**, former Miss Delaware and head of President Trump’s Diversity Caucus, told us about his tentative plans to take back our neighborhoods in heavily impoverished urban areas.
- **Barry Sullivan**, nuclear engineer, adoptive father of 2 adult children, gave a stirring talk explaining ways to reach young people who have been turned off by our secular culture.

Culture of Life Studies Program (CultureofLifeStudies.com)

I’d like to tell you about this incredible **PRO-LIFE** educational program. There has never been a greater need for a program like this.

I don’t have to tell you how devastating the threats to our children’s future are. We desperately need a program that teaches students the truth about the value of all persons, the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage, the necessity of the family as the building block of societies, and that helps children become activists! The **CLSP** does all of that and more!

The Culture of Life Studies Program is a **K-12** program that provides teachers and parents with the tools they need to help their students become evangelists for the **Culture of Life**—a culture that respects the dignity of every human being from creation to death regardless of age, appearance, or ability.

CLSP materials are positive, engaging, and flexible. Unit studies can be easily integrated into existing curricula, and the materials are appropriate for even the youngest students. This program is about to take a huge leap of faith. Later this summer the CLSP will leave **American Life League**, its parent, to form a new organization—**Light and Shield Ministries!**

I invite you to visit the CLSP website at cultureoflifestudies.com to learn more about this important program. You can peruse and buy extremely **LOW COST** pro-life educational materials.

Here’s what Mary Flores, CLSP’s educational outreach coordinator, told me. In the **USA** alone there are almost **2 million** Catholic school students and an additional **3 million** students enrolled in religious programs. We need pro-life education in every Catholic diocese, home, and school!

Let me share with you the story of a young high school student named Gabriel from Virginia. His story is a great example of the impact these powerful educational materials are having on students. Gabriel attends a public high school with his older brother, who runs the pro-life club there. Gabriel’s mom, Jenn, told CLSP that she regularly had conversations with her boys about pro-life topics—even about **Margaret Sanger**—but it wasn’t until they saw the CLSP video, **Who Was the Real Margaret Sanger?**, that the truth about Planned Parenthood and the contraceptive mentality really hit home for them. They were learning about contraception in Health Class and the teacher mentioned family planning centers, but did not say **Planned Parenthood**. Gabriel raised his hand and told his teacher and classmates the truth about the founder of Planned Parenthood. His teacher didn’t know what to say.

Take time to learn about this important educational effort. Truly, our future depends upon it!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

P.S. Please pray daily the election prayer found in the enclosed reply envelope!

Enclosure

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of them honked like crazy!”

- The rain came down in buckets at the Westminster stop.

Patrick Weikle, holding a “Jesus Forgives and Heals” sign on Northern Parkway, is joined by a “handmaid” bearing the message, “These People Are Crazy.”



But four of the younger girls didn't let it get them down—at the end of the stop, they were dancing in the rain on the sidewalk.

- Following the Westminster stop, Richard and Diana Hunt hosted the pro-lifers at their Finksburg home. Even though everyone had been drenched, some of the kids still dove into the Hunts' swimming pool for a couple of laps.
- A passerby walked up to Ames on Northern Parkway and asked him, “What's going on?” After Ames explained, the man, a special education teacher in Baltimore City, handed him \$50.
- At the White Marsh stop, a woman driver told pro-lifer Barry Sullivan, “The mothers don't even want these kids!” Sullivan replied cheerfully, “If ‘being wanted’ is the standard, then there are a lot of teenagers we'll have to get rid of!” The woman got kind of quiet after that.
- When a driver saw that Katherine Adelaide and Ames were getting drenched on Route 40 in Catonsville, he stopped and gave them an umbrella.
- Fr. Denis Wilde, associate director of Priests for Life, accompanied the Truthers on the last three days of the tour, celebrating Mass for them each day.

“This tour proved once again how important and effective our annual Face the Truth tours are,” Ames declared.

“Many people came and joined us. Many more honked their approval.

“We must continue to do them until abortion is nothing but a bad memory in the history of America.”



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Day Gardner on Trump: the right man for the time

In April 2016 long-time pro-life veteran and activist Day Gardner did the unthinkable.

“I made a decision to endorse Donald Trump for president,” the president of the National Black Pro-Life Union told fellow-pro-lifers at her Face the Truth Tour luncheon talk in Baltimore July 27.

The Republican presidential primary campaign was still in full swing back then, and many of Gardner’s conservative pro-life friends who supported other Republican candidates were aghast at her endorsement.

“A lot of them immediately blocked me on Facebook and Twitter, saying, ‘How *could* you?’ she recalled.

“I used to work at National Right to Life, and *they* called me to object. I’ve even had family members who decided they didn’t want me to be a member of the family anymore!”

But as a born-again Christian, Gardner knew that King David “was not the best person,” morally speaking—yet God chose him to be the leader of His chosen people.

“God knows what He’s doing,” she declared; “and I believed Trump was the right person for this particular time.”

Not one to hesitate, Gardner, along with Pastor Darrell Scott of Cleveland and others, founded the National Diversity Coalition for Trump to recruit and mobilize support for Trump among racial minorities.

“Candidate Trump made a lot of promises,” said Gardner. “But now he has come through on a lot of those promises.”

She noted, for example, his appointment of many conservative

judges on the Supreme Court and the lower courts—23 for the U.S. Court of Appeals and 20 for the U.S. District Court.

“Now that my former friends see that he is the right man for the job, they all love me again!” she said with a smile.

“We want families to welcome new additions,” said Gardner. “We want to help single moms, and I know for a fact that that’s also what President Trump’s focus is.”



Pro-life activist Day Gardner helped start the National Diversity Coalition for Trump.

Previous “pro-life” presidents used a “band-aid” approach to the problem of abortion, simply making a few cosmetic changes to pacify their pro-life supporters, she maintained.

But “the most important thing about this administration is that they *get it*,” said Gardner.

“The President understands that to ‘Make America great again’ means to take it back to before abortion was as acceptable and commonplace as it is now; ‘if we really

want to end abortion, we have to take away those *reasons* that they kill their own children.”

Gardner cited statistics showing that the No. 1 reason people give for having an abortion is financial: “They can’t afford another child,” she pointed out.

“The National Diversity Coalition and Pastor Darrell Scott are working on a robust plan, and soon they will be visiting 17 key cities to revitalize those areas that are having a lot of difficulty with high crime, unemployment, single parenting, and poor education,” said Gardner.

She confirmed that Baltimore will be one of the high-crime, impoverished cities to be visited.

“Many say it can’t be done,” she said—“but that’s what they said about slavery.

“This is not a time to be quiet; we’ve got to fight! We have to be willing to change things from the ground up.”

Every single election is important, she declared.

“Get involved; know who is running and where they stand—if they’re not for us, then they have to be gone.”

When you’re supporting a candidate in impoverished cities, don’t try to get them to switch to the Republican Party, she advised: In cities like Baltimore that have been run forever by Democrats, “They’re not going to do that.”

Focus instead on supporting a particular candidate, she advised.

You may even have to run yourself,” said Gardner. “I’ve run for office a few times, and it’s horrible!” she admitted.

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Commentary

Possible end of *Roe v. Wade* gives some ‘pro-lifers’ cold feet

By Bob Brown

Although it’s far from a certainty, the end of *Roe v. Wade* might come in the next few years.

But something strange seems to be happening right now—something that I didn’t foresee: pro-lifers suddenly getting cold feet. Or people who we *thought* were pro-life getting cold feet. It’s a curious phenomenon.

There have been a few high-profile defections over the years, of course. Way back in the day, Jesse Jackson and Al Gore talked a strong pro-life game, but they kicked children to the curb when they saw that their avenue to power ran through Planned Parenthood’s bloody back rooms.

Recently, several pro-life celebs and leaders in positions of traditional moral authority have taken the low road, too, including:

* Tomi Lahren, supposedly conservative commentator: “I believe you can be pro-choice and anti-abortion.” (Huh?! I bet she has swampland in the Sahara to sell, too.)

* U2, the band, betraying their preborn kindred: “Repeal the 8th.”

* Senator Rand Paul, usually an abortion opponent: His foremost publicly declared concern about pro-life SCOTUS nominee Brett Kavanaugh’s views is privacy, not preborn children’s rights.

* Evangelical minister Rob Schenck, founder of Faith & Action in the Nation’s Capital, in an NPR interview: “There must be space for people to safely ... resolve their crisis personally.”

But the cold-footed stampede of betrayals (not of our movement, but of children) seems to be connected to the very real possibility that Kavanaugh will replace the retiring pro-abortion Anthony Kennedy on the US Supreme Court, making a fifth conservative justice who might support a case that terminates *Roe*.

We have to remember, though, that even if the Supreme Court does overturn that 1973 disaster, abortions in America will continue. The likely result would be that each of our nation’s fifty gets to decide whether or not it would cement its

Recently, several pro-life celebs and leaders in positions of traditional moral authority have taken the low road.

borders as a child-killing sanctuary state.

The abortion industry is seeing a possible end to its way of death, so it’s baring its fangs and slashing its claws and whipping its tail like never before.

The dragon won’t go down without a fight, and that spectacle is causing some pro-lifers to retreat. The amateur psychologist in me is trying to figure out why.

Could it be that some want to preserve “access” just in case there’s a “crisis” at home?

Maybe those who’ve made a living off of the pro-life movement are seeing their livelihood dry up. “Let’s cool our jets a bit,” they’re

saying. “No need to hurry this along.”

Others have talked pro-life because, in some circles, it’s chic. Rebellious. So if pro-life becomes the law of the land, sticking it to “the man” will mean—oh well—sticking it to the babies.

And some simply have an insatiable need to make headlines, any headlines.

It certainly can’t be an intellectual recalculation.

I do understand that when it comes to politicians, you just want them to cast their important votes the right way; they don’t necessarily need to fly the pro-life banner high and proud. But it’s disgraceful to hoist that banner and lower it, hoist it and lower it, when it suits them.

Whom do you trust, then? Here’s how you recognize true pro-life friends who won’t get cold feet:

Their talk of opposition to abortion rings of *hatred* for murder.

The pain that little children are forced to suffer *horrifies* them.

They feel *indignation* that anyone would dare raise forceps against a defenseless baby.

They experience *sorrow* at the loss of each child’s God-given right to experience a full and prosperous and long life.

And they’re always doing something about it, big or small.

Now’s not the time for cold feet; we need bold feet.

P.S.: If you sense someone might be intending to jilt us as the big day, Lord willing, approaches, send them to GranthamCollection.com. And then hold their feet to the fire.

In My Humble Opinion

Contraception and abortion: The *real* seamless garment

By Janet Baker

At the Mass I attended on July 22, an all-too-rare occurrence happened; the priest based his homily on *Humanae Vitae*.

The timing of his homily coincided with the 50th anniversary of that encyclical's promulgation. By the time you read this article in *Defend Life*, that anniversary (July 25) will have passed. Did the priest at your parish make any mention of that encyclical?

I was twelve years old in 1968, but even then I recall the controversy aroused by that encyclical.

In the Archdiocese of Washington alone, sixty priests signed a protest of *Humanae Vitae*. They recanted only after Cardinal O'Boyle suspended their priestly faculties (some later left the priesthood).

Here is the link to the encyclical as it appears on the Vatican's website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html.

If you haven't read it yet, I urge you to do so immediately. Pope Paul VI gave warnings of events that would follow if the usage of contraception continued: abortion, weakening of marriage, lack of respect for women, coarsening of culture.

Again, that was in 1968. As we reflect on the state of affairs in civilization today, we can only call the late pontiff's words "prophetic."

The late Father John Hardon, S.J. warned that "sins against the Sixth Commandment will lead to sins against the Fifth Commandment."

As confirmation of Father's words, a mere five years after *Humane Vitae* (which was largely ignored), the Supreme Court handed down its infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision, nullifying state abortion prohibitions and opening the floodgates to wide-spread massacre of unborn infants.

Both the usage of contraception and the murder of babies continued to spread, as has a whole host of other mortal sins: acceptance and even celebration of all manners of

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perversion, devaluing of marriage, disregard and even contempt of marriage, plummeting birth rates.

Along with the devaluing of the lives of babies, the lives of people of all ages are equally devalued. Murder rates have skyrocketed and the elderly and infirm are threatened by "assisted suicide."

The world has become awash in a literal blood bath owing to disregard for human life and the Author of that life, God.

Many good people have noted the societal decay and have sought to address it. However, many of these same people don't want to address the contraceptive mentality.

A few years back, many pro-life leaders were signing onto something called the Manhattan Declaration.

It was quite comprehensive, listing most of the moral ills of society—with one glaring exception. They said not one word about the proverbial "elephant in the room": contraception. Quite a few pro-lifers noticed that omission. Like me, they could not sign onto it.

The Manhattan Declaration was crafted by both Catholics and Protestants, and the omission of contraception was done to preserve the "ecumenical" nature of the document.

The mainline Protestant denominations, by and large, do accept contraception. The Anglicans were the first to admit that camel's nose into their tent during their ill-fated 1930 Lambeth Conference; prior to that time, all Protestant denominations recognized the perils of contraception.

After that, the Roman Catholic Church (and perhaps some smaller evangelical denominations) stood fast against contraception. At any rate, the authors of the Manhattan Declaration sacrificed truth for the dubious "good" of "ecumenism."

I rehash all that history to point out that unless contraceptive usage is called out for the poison that it is, we in the pro-life movement will accomplish precious little, if anything at all.

Before the Anglicans' deplorable 1930 Lambeth Conference, not only all Christians but much of the civilized world eschewed contraception as inherently evil. Many rebukes came to the Anglicans in

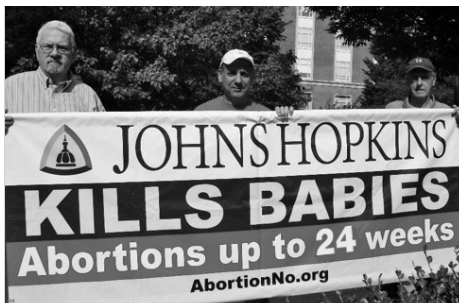
the wake of that conference. Here's one:

“Carried to its logical conclusion, the committee's report, if carried into effect, would sound the death-knell of marriage as a holy institution by establishing degrading practices which would encourage indiscriminate immorality. The suggestion that the use of legalized contraceptives would be ‘careful and restrained’ is preposterous.”

Did that come from the Vatican? No! That was found in an editorial of the March 22, 1931 *Washington Post* (when sane people ran that institution).

Our priests must again resume the regular, frequent preaching on the dangers of contraception and its underlying anti-life mentality. Its usage is, of course, mortally sinful.

I was so delighted to hear that homily this past weekend. Let's pray we hear others soon, and not years from now.



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“She’s going to pray for us!”

While Ron Herning helps hold a banner, a passerby takes a photo at Defend Life's monthly demonstration on June 20 protesting the committing of abortions up to 24 weeks at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore.

“She thanked us for doing this,” said protester Walt Klausmeyer. “She has five children and her whole family hates abortion; she said she’s going to pray for us!”

Another passerby, a student from the University of Buffalo doing an internship in robotic engineering at Hopkins, told Klausmeyer that he did his thesis on the pro-life movement and got an “A.” “He’s pro-life big-time!” said Klausmeyer.

Pro-lifers handed out flyers to motorists who rolled down their windows to accept them, including Baltimore City police officers, cab drivers and an MTA Mobility driver.

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Gardner, who lives in Bowie, Md., ran for the House of Delegates in District 23-A, Prince George's County, in 2002 and 2006.

“I didn't think I'd win, but as a candidate, I could *talk*; it's a way to get the pro-life message out,” she explained. “I wanted all these people to know that I'm against abortion. I wanted people to know

about abortion; the only way to do that was to run for office.

“We have to be willing to put ourselves on the line. We may lose friends, and not get invited to things.

“But Jesus stood alone. We have to be willing to stand alone, to raise our voices.”

A video of Day Gardner's complete talk is posted on Defend Life's Facebook page.

HAMPDENFEST, from page 4

choose whom they want to allow to have booths, she says.

But the Respect Lifers complained to the Hampden Community Council, arguing that as a council representing the community, they should allow *all* community groups to participate in the festival.

“They were shocked—they didn’t expect any feedback!” says Taylor.

“They argued a bit about the [unborn baby] dolls, but we insisted that they couldn’t tell us what our message is.”

The fetal models are very effective in conveying the pro-life message, she notes: “Kids love to come up and hold them, and moms and expectant mothers enjoy seeing them.”

Respect Life won the argument, and all church groups were allowed to take part Hampdenfest in 2012.

“That year Planned Parenthood showed up and picketed us,” says Marty.

Planned Parenthood sometimes has a booth at the fair, and sometimes it doesn’t, she adds: “I don’t think that their staff or volunteers have the same dedication that we do!”

Need more volunteers

St. Thomas Aquinas’ Respect Life Committee is going ahead with plans to be part of this year’s Hampdenfest on September 8.

“We’re checking to make sure we have all our equipment, including our tent, ready,” says Taylor.

They plan to act on the prudent advice of Deacon Tim Maloney, the pastoral administrator at Thomas Aquinas, that they stay behind their display table this year, to avoid charges that they are “proselytizing.”

Marty hopes to have more vol-

unteers to man the booth.

“Although St. Thomas organizes it, we are a small church and we need outside volunteers,” she explains.

“We’ve always gotten a lot of help from other churches, including Saints Philip and James, as well as non-Catholic pro-lifers!”

Taylor says that after the “scary events” at last year’s Hampdenfest, she would welcome more men volunteers.

“But it can’t be just men,” she adds quickly, “because men have no defense against the argument, ‘You have no right to an opinion [on abortion] because you can’t get pregnant.’ We need women too!”

Pro-lifers who would like to volunteer can contact Martha Taylor at mwebbtaylor@gmail.com or 410-235-4537.

HONFEST, from page 5

in the 1960s competed for the title.

By 2003 the beauty pageant had expanded and evolved into Honfest, a full-fledged street festival.

“People argue about whether Café Hon and the Honfest ‘celebrate’ Baltimore Hons or make fun of old-fashioned working women from the ‘50s and ‘60s—who were likely to have been religious and pro-life,” said Taylor.

Whiting is no stranger to controversy. In 2009, the city of Baltimore ordered her to either take down the huge pink flamingo sculpture in front of Café Hon or pay a substantial annual fee, charging that it protruded into the public right-of-way.

Whiting eventually settled the case with the city, putting up a less obtrusive flamingo while negotiating a lower annual fee.

In 2010 Whiting trademarked

the term “hon” for use on napkins, buttons, hats and other material to promote Café Hon.

Baltimore Sun columnist Dan Rodricks ridiculed Whiting, writing, “You can’t own something that doesn’t belong to you.”

The trademark outraged many Baltimoreans, who took to the streets to protest. The following year, Whiting filed to have the trademark canceled.

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The store’s website describes one of its books, *The Voudon Gnostic Workbook*, as “a text on the spiritual system that is a convergence of Gnosticism and Haitian voodoo.”

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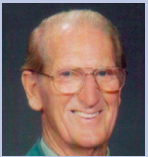
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