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Angry Catholics rally, throw down gauntlet to bishops Bishops give limp-wristed response at Baltimore meeting

The crowd of feisty Catholics from across the country, filing into MECU Pavilion at Baltimore's Inner Harbor on November 13, were primed and loaded for bear.

"We're here to see that the bishops do what they're supposed to do—be shepherds, not wolves," said John Schaefer, who traveled from Lansing, Michigan, to attend the Silence Stops Now Rally, a stone's throw from where the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was holding its fall meeting at the Marriott Waterfront hotel.

Suzanne Falcone, from Boynton Beach, Florida, agreed.

"I'm an old-fashioned, Latin Mass kick-ass Catholic," she explained, "and if the bishops don't do what they should do, they'll be wearing asbestos underwear, where they're going to!"

"I came because I love the Church," said Corinne Dahm, from Berlin, Massachusetts.

"I brought the picture of Our Lady of America, up there onstage, and I hope one day they install her picture in the Basilica [of the Assumption in Baltimore], and she cleans house!"

Fr. Jeffrey Robideau, pastor of St. John XXIII Church in Lansing,



"We're here to see that the bishops do what they're supposed to do," says John Schaefer (right), attending the Silence Stops Now Rally with Lee Huguetet and Suzanne Falcone.

set the tone for the rally in his opening prayer.

"Our hearts are filled with sorrow because so many of our bishops have hardened their hearts," he prayed.

"Let them see the damage they have done. Help us to challenge all these bishops as we pray that they and all the world will know you, love you, and serve you."

Recent exposés rock Church

The Silence Stops Now Rally

was organized by a coalition of conservative Catholic groups, including Defend Life, and led by Church Militant and its founder and president, Michael Voris.

"We are at a crisis moment with Catholicism in the U.S.," Voris told the rally. "We are about restoring the authenticity of the Catholic faith, which has been torn to shreds in the last half-century."

Recurring scandals over priests sexually abusing children and ado-

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Work starts on pregnancy center next to Planned Parenthood:

On October 17, John Roswell, leader of Sidewalk Advocates for Life in Baltimore, was happy to see that a work crew was dismantling the dilapidated roof on the three-story brick storefront building next to Planned Parenthood.

Finally, work had begun to renovate the long-vacant building at 328 North Howard Street for use as a new pro-life pregnancy center.

A week later, as Roswell was handing out flyers in front of the Baltimore abortion facility, he noticed a city vehicle park on Howard Street. The driver walked over to the future pregnancy center building and posted a Stop Work order there.

“The order claimed that the construction was beyond the scope of the permits, a claim that might be open to an excessive rule interpretation to deliberately create obstacles,” he noted.



Men carry joists through the alley entrance for a new roof, the first step in renovating the building next to Planned Parenthood in Baltimore for use as a pregnancy center.

The construction foreman, who subsequently closed and locked the building’s doors, told Roswell that no city inspector had been there prior to the stop order.

“So apparently the order came from downtown, and the suspicion is that Planned Parenthood has been pulling strings to try to interfere with the building process,” Roswell speculated.

Dick Schaefer, a regular sidewalk advocate at the abortion facility and a retired architect, said that the city doesn’t require a permit to remove the roof of an old building and replace it with a new one.

“The city encourages building a roof without a permit, so the building can be kept as it is, without further deterioration,” he explained. “Anybody in the construction business knows it.”

According to Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development’s Existing Permit Search (baltimorehousing.org, accessed 11/6/18), no permit was found for the property at 328 North Howard Street.



Workers install plywood over roof joists on the alley side of the pregnancy center building.

City-Planned Parenthood duo harass construction workers

Removing third floor

“The Center for Pregnancy Concerns [CPC] has recently begun work on the building at 328 North Howard Street,” confirmed Wayne Dickie, construction manager for the property and a board member for CPC.

“The building is more than one hundred years old and is in very bad condition,” he added. “We are removing the third floor and replacing the entire roof.”

The building will be completely weatherized, said Dickie.

“When that phase is complete, work on the inside to create the pregnancy center will begin.”

Rainy weather in much of early November delayed roof work, plus the flashing for the roof had to be custom-made, said Matthew Ciarpella, owner of Pella Enterprise, LLC, the framing and roofing contractor.

But with the installation of the roof membrane, the part that keeps the roof dry, by Thanksgiving, the roof should be completed, he predicted.

“The building is in such bad condition, we had to gut the whole thing,” said CPC board member Deacon Richard “Monti” Montalto.

“I was hoping we could repair all three floors, but it was too expensive,” he added; “we would have had to put in an elevator and two staircases.”

The present plans are to renovate the first floor, creating four sonogram rooms and eight conference rooms, where client advocates can meet with clients.

“With four sonogram rooms, we would be able to do 40 sonograms a

day—free to the clients!” said Montalto.

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns, a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian organization currently operating four pregnancy centers in the Baltimore metropolitan area, bought the Howard Street property at auction for \$94,500 in January 2017.

An anonymous pro-life donor paid for the purchase. To help finance the renovations, a second anonymous donor stepped forward and offered to match the amount the first donor had pledged.

“We really believe that this [Howard Street pregnancy center] is of the Lord,” said Carol Clews, CPC’s executive director; “this is His whole endeavor.”

Planned Parenthood complains

Apparently, Baltimore City and Planned Parenthood of Maryland are not on board.

On the morning of October 29, a city police officer showed up at the Howard Street facility and told Roswell that Planned Parenthood had claimed that the pro-lifers were blocking the facility’s entrance.

“We are all aware that if we did that, it would be a serious federal offense, and therefore we would not do so,” Roswell told the officer.

The officer went inside Planned Parenthood, then went around the alley behind the buildings and talked to some of the Latino construction men working on the CPC building.

“That would have made some of them very nervous, and that might have been the intent of someone at Planned Parenthood,” Roswell

speculated.

“I have no idea what kind of complaint they made about the construction workers, but I suspect that the officer recognized the motive behind these complaints,” he added.

The officer left without filing any charges.

Bad blood

To say that bad blood exists between the Center for Pregnancy Concerns and Baltimore City in collusion with Planned Parenthood would be an understatement.

“Baltimore City hates us!” declared Deacon Montalti.

In 2009 the city, at the urging of Planned Parenthood of Maryland, passed legislation requiring pro-life pregnancy centers to post signs in their waiting rooms stating that they don’t do abortions.

The ordinance made Baltimore the first city in the U.S. to impose such a regulation on pregnancy centers. It imposed \$150 daily fines on centers that failed to comply.

CPC complied, posting signs in English and Spanish.

But the Archdiocese of Baltimore and CPC sued the city to overturn the law, saying that it clearly violated constitutional rights to free speech and free exercise of religion.

Finally, in January 2018, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in CPC’s favor, saying that the law violated the organization’s First Amendment rights.

On September 12 the city’s Board of Estimates voted to pay \$1.1 million to cover CPC’s legal fees that had accumulated during nine years of litigation.

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lescents, the great majority of them male, as well as seminarians, and the covering up of their crimes by bishops, have been ongoing for decades.

But the scandals reached the boiling point with several explosive occurrences this summer and fall.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was removed from active duty in June, amid allegations that he sexually abused youths and adult seminarians for decades as he rose up the ranks to be Archbishop of Washington and was named a cardinal.

Pope Francis accepted his resignation from the College of Cardinals in July.

On August 14 a Philadelphia grand jury released a report identifying 300 Catholic priests as sexual predators of more than 1,000 children in six Pennsylvania dioceses.

The shocking report named bishops who had repeatedly covered up for priests accused of sexual misconduct, including Donald Wuerl, when he was bishop of Pittsburgh.

In a stunning statement published August 25, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the Vatican's former



Christine Niles, Church Militant's news chief, welcomes Pro-Life Action League founder Joe Scheidler to the Stop Silence Now Rally in Baltimore.

papal nuncio to the U.S., denounced the McCarrick cover-up, accusing by name a long line of high-ranking U.S. and Vatican church officials, including Pope Francis, of knowing of McCarrick's sexual abuse of seminarians but remaining silent.

Vigano called on Pope Francis and the others he named to resign.

Public outrage over Cardinal Wuerl's cover-up for McCarrick and for abusive priests led to his resigna-

tion as Archbishop of Washington in October.

Wolves among sheep

Despite the icy winds from off the Baltimore harbor blowing on them in the open pavilion, the rally goers paid rapt attention to the series of speakers, often breaking into applause, cheers, whistles and chants.

Lots of people want to pretend that the sexual abuse crisis is something in the past, decades and decades ago, Voris told the rally.

"But a lawsuit was filed *today* against the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, for a seminarian who was sexually assaulted in 2011."

The heart of the issue, *the* problem, has not been addressed, he declared.

"What they will *not* talk about over in that conference is *that* issue! They want to keep going on like it's nothing but children—but it's children *and* seminarians *and* vulnerable adults!

"The demon of impurity—sexual impurity, doctrinal impurity, li-



Silence Stops Now Rally speaker Alan Keys chats with Corinne Dahm before his talk.

turgical impurity—has seized hold of the Church in too many quarters, all meant to destroy the destinies that every one of us was created for.”

“As a retired deputy sheriff, I see everything in black-and-white,” speaker Jesse Romero told the crowd.

“The bishops across the street are the sheep dogs of society,” said the lay Catholic evangelist, author and radio host; “they are assigned the task of protecting the sheep. They’re supposed to bring order, teach sound doctrine.”

But many wolves have sneaked in amongst the bishops, he warned.

“I’m looking at the bishops and saying, you’re successors of the apostles, you’re better than that!”

“We expect the *real* sheep dogs among the bishops to say to the wolves among them, ‘Guess what? You’re fired!’”

Abused by McCarrick

The next speaker, a tall, slim



“The laity are not buying the lie that the bishops have cleaned up the Church,” says Elizabeth Yore.



James Grein tells the rally of his abuse by former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

man of 60, was sober, unsmiling and often visibly struggling to control his emotions.

It was the first time he had spoken publicly since the *New York Times* had published his story on July 19.

“My name is James Grein,” he said. “I was physically abused by Theodore McCarrick for 18 years. It began when I was only 11 years old.”

James had tried to tell people what McCarrick had done to him, “but no one would listen,” he said.

Things changed when a man credibly accused McCarrick of abusing him when he was a 16-year-old altar boy.

“McCarrick was sentenced to a life of prayer and penance after that,” said Grein; “at that point, I knew I could tell my story.”

It has taken too long for victims to come forward because there is no place for their claims to be heard, he said angrily: “Fully one-third of bishops have been accused of failing to respond adequately to sexual misconduct claims.

“I do this today so others like me

have the strength to come forward—to help others.

“Jesus’ law is much higher than pontifical secrets,” he declared, adding in a tremulous voice, “It’s not Francis’ church, it’s Jesus Christ’s church!”

“We have come upon a holy gift—a chance to expose, punish, and finally rid Jesus’ church of a great evil.”

The audience responded to his words with loud applause, cheers, and a standing ovation.

Delay tactics = further abuse

An international child protection attorney who has investigated clergy sex abuse had harsh words to say regarding Pope Francis’ and the U.S. bishops’ actions on clerical sex abuse.

“The laity are not buying the lie that the bishops have cleaned up the Church,” said Elizabeth Yore, who was general counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for eight years.

“Memo to Francis and the bishops: these predators never stop. I assure you that these delaying tactics will cause further abuse!” she predicted.

“But the Pope has more important things to deal with—like climate change,” she added sarcastically, eliciting a chorus of boos from the audience.

Yore noted that Pope Francis had just ordered the bishops’ conference not to vote on clerical reform.

“Vigano is sounding the battle cry to rescue the Church,” she reminded her listeners, who responded with chants of “Vigano, Vigano, Vigano!”

“My final plea to you is, this is our fight as soldiers of Christ. You and only you will save the Church,” Yore concluded.



The bishops “don’t give a damn” about ending clerical sexual abuse, charges Michael Hichborn.

Francis’ silence ‘indefensible’.

Other rally speakers also had harsh words to say.

“We are talking about not just the abuse of children, but outrages against God,” said Michael Hichborn, founder and president of the Lepanto Institute—“but those men over there in that building don’t give

a damn!

“There are the offending bishops, but the *indifferent* bishops are probably the worst,” he added.

“They believe that their only job is to administer over a business entity and decide where to distribute the money.”

Pope Francis has been scarcely able to disguise his contempt and hatred for traditional, faithful Catholics, charged writer, speaker and author Matt Walsh.

“Pope Francis’s silence to Vigano’s charges is indefensible!” said Walsh: “We are not devils, Holy Father—we are faithful Catholics, and we deserve an answer!”

“Can you think of a version of the ‘millstone’ sin that’s worse than someone who is grooming and taking advantage of the young in order to satisfy their lust?” asked political activist and former ambassador Alan Keyes.

“We cannot stand idly by when they refuse to acknowledge the real nature of their crimes,” said Keyes: “It is an attack on the body of Christ! If it does not offend the Lord, I don’t know what possibly could.”

‘Do not behave like sheep’

On the opening day of the fall meeting, USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo announced that the Vatican had ordered the American bishops not to vote on two key proposals meant to address the sexual abuse crisis.

Many bishops appeared visibly surprised at the announcement.

The two draft proposals to be considered were a new code of conduct for bishops regarding abuses, and the creation of a laity-led body to investigate bishops accused of misconduct.

The Holy See ordered the bishops to withhold any action until after a meeting in February that Pope Francis plans to hold with heads of the world’s bishops’ conferences to address the global sexual abuse crisis.

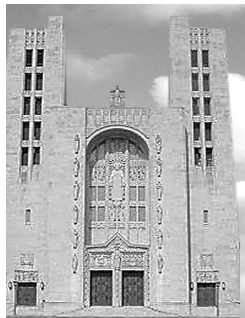
On the day of the Silence Stops Now Rally, Archbishop Vigano issued a statement, telling the U.S. bishops, “Do not behave like frightened sheep, but as courageous shepherds.”

Two days later, the bishops voted down a resolution asking Rome to release the Holy See’s entire documentation on the McCarrick scandal.

The vote against the resolution was 137 to 83, with three abstentions.

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Following the Silence Stops Now Rally, many attendees go to protest with signs and chants at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, where the bishops are meeting.

Chesterton Academy of Annapolis opens its doors

Parents want the best education possible for their kids.

For Azin and Bill Cleary, both devout Catholics, that means the best possible Catholic education for their six children, ages 3 to 17.

Azin, a Catholic convert, and Bill, a cradle Catholic, graduate of Villa Nova University and former Navy pilot, have gone the home-schooling route, augmented with classroom instruction two days a week at St. Thomas Aquinas Tutorial, a homeschooling tutorial program using a classical curriculum for grades 2-8.

But when their oldest son was ready to enter high school, says Azin, “I felt I just couldn’t home-school for high school!”

The Clearys had discovered, at Thomas Aquinas Tutorial, the value of a classical education which, founded on a lofty view of humanity, is committed to cultivating wisdom and virtue in students through an integrated curriculum based on Western tradition and the use of great classical literature, art and



Chesterton Academy students and teachers Michael Bors and Naomi Popp pause for a picture after the school’s Mass of the Holy Spirit at Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville.

music.

“There are good Catholic high schools in our area,” said the Edgewater resident, “but we didn’t see a fully integrated classical curriculum, not just in religion class, but in all subjects.”

Last February, they learned

about Chesterton Academy, a private Catholic high school named after British writer, poet, lay theologian and Catholic convert G.K. Chesterton. The academy, employing a classical liberal arts curriculum, had begun in Minnesota in 2008.

Since then, using the Minnesota model, 17 more Chesterton Academies have opened, 15 in the U.S., one in Canada and one in Italy.

After a very busy summer spent planning, organizing, and recruiting teachers and students, and aided by several dedicated board members, Chesterton Academy of Annapolis opened its doors to twelve high school students on September 4.

The academy is located on 4.5 acres in a quiet residential area of Annapolis just a few blocks from St. John Neumann Church, where the students attend daily Mass.



Sister Mary of the Incarnate Word, SSVM, teaches philosophy class at Chesterton Academy.

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Here we are again at the end of the year with Christmas approaching. Above all, I want to personally wish you and your family the most joyful and blessed Christmas season ever. Remember, Christmas does not end December 25th. **Christmas Day actually begins the Christmas Season!**

This year, we have been blessed once again with a **\$15,000 Christmas \$ FOR Matching Challenge Grant** generously offered by a small group of individuals and families. Thanks to these dedicated **PRO-LIFERS** who so fervently believe in the good work **DEFEND LIFE** has been doing since **1987 to end the massacre of INNOCENT pre-born babies**. In very simple terms, this matching grant means that anything you donate between now and **December 31st will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$15,000**. Your donation of **\$100 becomes \$200, \$500 becomes \$1,000, and \$1,000 becomes \$2,000** and so forth! So please give generously and urge your **PRO-LIFE** friends and relatives to do likewise. In determining how much to give, remember that **Almighty God is never outdone in generosity!**

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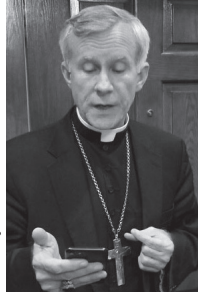
Michael Warsaw

Special events included **7 Nativity Scenes**, promoting the **GOSNELL** movie, **Christmas Caroling at Union Station** in Washington and our **18th** annual **Maryland Face the Truth Tour**. We have been doing these Truth Tours for 18 years since we began them in **2001**. We had **24** core team members, mostly students.

Bishop Joseph Strickland-----Wow! What a Bishop!

The Bishops of America met here in Baltimore on November 13-14. **DEFEND LIFE** is a member of the **Catholic Media Coalition (CathMedia.org)** which is a loosely organized group of Catholic organizations, newsletters and bloggers, all of whom are **seriously Catholic**.

We had hoped to have a hospitality suite for seriously Catholic bishops as we had done several years ago at the posh, **5-star Marriott Waterfront Hotel**. This year we invited **40+ bishops** whom we consider to be seriously Catholic. Only **2** responded. Only one showed up at the Hilton Garden Inn but **WOW! What a Bishop?!?!** His name is Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, Texas, who had just turned 60 years old. To put that in perspective, he was born during my senior year in high school. **Mary Ann Kreitzer**, the head of the CMC, chatted with Bishop Strickland outside the concert tent before the Church Militant rally on Tuesday.



Bishop Strickland could not have been friendlier. He told us that he felt called to speak out to all his brother bishops and that he had **hardly slept a wink** the night before. He knew the **Holy Spirit** was telling him to speak out. Because **sexual abuse** had been deleted from the agenda by Pope Francis, a new agenda had to be adopted by the bishops. Bishop Strickland sensed this was his opportunity. He fearlessly told his brother bishops to exercise their **primary responsibility for saving the immortal souls of their flocks** instead of acting like **CEOs** over their often huge and bureaucratic chanceries. I asked him the response of his fellow bishops, He said **some chirping and tepid applause**, but later one on one congratulations.

Mary Ann, my friend for **nearly 45 years**, invited him on the spot to attend our **CMC** networking reception that evening at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn. We had most successful networking meetings both evenings including such leaders as **Joe Scheidler (Pro-Life Action League)**, **Mercedes Wilson (Family of the Americas)** **Michael Hichborn (Lepanto Institute)**, **Michael Voris (Church Militant)**, **Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA (Priests for Life)** and many other wonderful Catholic leaders.

Bishop Strickland came **both** evenings. Here's what he said:

- He spoke about how his own siblings hardly recognized the shy boy they had grown up with and how he hadn't slept well Monday night because he knew he had to speak out in a way that would challenge his brother bishops.
- He talked about the **Holy Spirit** working within him and how the Pope's directive not to vote may have been a blessing because it enabled him to say **what he said not once but twice!**
- He talked about the promises bishops make particularly to **build up the Body of Christ**.
- He spoke of the **same-sex marriage disaster** and said, to him it's simple, **Show me the baby**. He emphasized Church teaching that marriage is **between one man and one woman**.
- He apologized for not having spoken sooner on **Humanae Vitae** because his then bishop had **not told him to do so**. But earlier this year, he spoke out boldly **in support of Humanae Vitae!**
- He encouraged us and blessed us by his presence! **He epitomized humility and courage!**
- He emphasized the need to teach doctrine - that all he got as a student in high school religion class was **Jesus loves you and go make a banner**.
- On the second night he said that **you can't hold the faith together with a banner**.
- He talked about his dear mother who had emigrated from Ireland to Australia and then to Texas and the remarkable impact she had had on his Catholic Faith.
- He talked about the **12** seminarians he had in formation and the **\$10 million** he was hoping to raise so he could double that number.
- He talked about the **Smoke of Satan (Pope Saint Paul VI)** that had permeated the Vatican and that **we must pray incessantly for Pope Francis!**

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

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“To be labeled as a Catholic school, it must be sponsored by the diocese or a religious order, so technically, we’re not a Catholic school,” explains Bill Cleary.

“We’re a private school with a heavy Catholic tradition. We attend daily Mass, and we have an order, the Institute of the Word, which helps us with spiritual direction as chaplains of the school—as well as a sister from that order teaching philosophy.

“Archbishop Lori has given us a letter of support, saying he is very familiar with the Chesterton method of teaching; he thinks these methods are on solid ground, and he asked us to reach out to the local parishes and pastors, which we did this spring.”

Today’s schools put great emphasis on the STEM concept, stressing the importance of learning science, technology, engineering and math, Bill notes.

“STEM is great in certain ways, but students also need to learn verbal skills which, unfortunately, are

becoming a lost art, as people are constantly looking down at their phones and texting too much.”

“My husband and I both have very technological backgrounds, but we also realized that logic and critical thinking need to be taught along with math and sciences,” says Azin.

So along with a required four years of math and science, all students will be taught literature, history, theology, philosophy, Latin, art and music, plus one year of debate and three years of drama.

Teachers at Chesterton employ the Socratic method of teaching, a form of cooperative argumentative dialog based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas and underlying presuppositions.

Every student learns to draw and paint, sing in the choir, act on stage, give speeches and engage in debate, thus further enabling them to express themselves and communicate, Bill explains.

Affordability is another important issue at Chesterton.

“Affordability has become a real issue for some parents,” says Cleary. “We’re trying to make the school affordable for the average income; our goal is to have a tuition that is thirty to forty percent less than the local Catholic schools.

“We may not have the facilities that help create the higher overhead costs, but we want to keep tuition under \$10,000,” he adds.

Several months into the school year, “Things are going better than we dreamed!” says Azin.

“The best part is that students are learning and being formed in the faith.

“Students have commented, ‘Teachers at the academy care about me!’ ‘I love that faith is in every subject—I love that classes are connected!’ and, ‘I didn’t know learning could be this much fun!’”

Philosophy is one of the students’ favorite classes, along with theology, literature and Euclid Geometry, she says.

“But honestly, the kids love all the classes! Swing and ballroom dancing is something they look forward to every Wednesday as their PE.”

St. John’s College in Annapolis “has been a wonderful support,” she says. The students visited the college’s planetarium and observatory in October, and viewed a rare exhibit of the works of Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer at the college that same month.

Students took part in the fall 40 Days for Life campaign, praying as a group in front of Planned Parenthood. They also attended a talk on physician-assisted suicide at Holy Family Church.

But the best part of life at Chesterton Academy is that students are



Theology and history teacher Tim Feeney holds an outside class on the grounds of Chesterton Academy.

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MacFarlane recalls Cheaper by the Dozen, Catholic-style

When Bud MacFarlane saw his future wife, Patricia, for the first time, he told a friend, “You see that girl over there? I’m going to marry her!”

He finagled a meeting with her, then asked her out on a date.

“On the third date, I proposed,” MacFarlane told his audience at his Defend Life talk in Ellicott City on October 19. “She said ‘Yes.’ I was 24; she was nearly 20.

“I said, ‘How many children do you want?’ She said ‘Ten.’ I said ‘Fine.’ I did my best. We had 12.”

Those 12 children came in 15 years. In their neighborhood in Essex County, New Jersey, he recalled, “Everyone was Catholic, with lots of kids and no money.”

Not to worry, however.

“Just when we needed something, something would turn up: The Lord always supplies whatever you need—you don’t have to worry!”

One and done

In today’s predominantly secular culture, young millennial couples generally think two kids are plenty, or even quip, “One and done.”

But MacFarlane begs to differ. “Children are a blessing—an extraordinary gift from God, he maintains; “we all know that!

“My wife was never more joyful than when she found out she was going to have another baby!”

Not that it’s always easy. But if you place God first in your family, He will take care of you, he said.

As the MacFarlane family grew, they were living in apartments, which were becoming more and



Bud MacFarlane, Sr., regales his audience with stories about the joys and travails of raising a large family.

more crowded with each additional child.

But almost miraculously, they were offered a house that MacFarlane described as “a mansion—seven bedrooms, 4½ baths, huge dining room, living room and kitchen—for \$33,500!”

He recalled that when they were struggling financially with five kids in college at one time, the word got around at the plastics packaging company where he worked that “Bud MacFarlane” was looking for a job in the plastic packaging industry.

The Bud MacFarlane in question was actually his son, Bud Jr.

“They thought it was me; they offered me a 25% raise to keep me!” he said with a grin.

One of their daughters, at age 29, was diagnosed with incurable paranoid schizophrenia.

“My wife and I made a nine-day Eucharistic Novena for her,” said MacFarlane. “On the ninth day, she was totally healed.”

Today, she lives in California, has her own television show, and two beautiful children who just

graduated from college.

“So you never give up on any situation,” he advised. “Pray and trust, and it always works out for the best, no matter how long it takes.”

Pill causes abortion

MacFarlane had harsh words to say about hormonal contraceptives such as the birth control pill.

“They are all abortifacients,” he declared. “The birth control pill makes the endometrium so thin, the baby can’t implant in the womb.”

This is scientific fact, and is well known in the medical community, he said; many thousands of hormonal contraceptive abortions occur each day. But doctors and the medical community keep quiet about it.

“We must educate about this in a very sensitive way,” advised MacFarlane: “How many of our family members, friends and neighbors were involved in using this and never knew about it?”

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Jealous thanks God he wasn't aborted—at NARAL gala!

By Naomi daGuerra

“My mother had an illegal abortion,” the tall man with a linebacker’s build told the crowd. “It’s only by the grace of God that I am here.”

If you think the speaker was addressing a pro-life audience, guess again.

These poignant words were coming from recent Maryland gubernatorial candidate Ben Jealous at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland’s 29th Annual Evening of Chocolate Gala on October 19.

In his few minutes at the microphone, the Democrat and former president of the NAACP spoke humbly about his convictions.

Although he didn’t express regret for the loss of his sibling, Jealous did seem to be genuinely thankful that his own life had been spared a similar unjust termination, an ironic sentiment in light of the evening’s gathering.

The gala attendees showed no visible reaction to his words, however, which were probably quickly forgotten.

The Chocolate Gala was again held at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, Md. About 200 attended the fundraiser, which, as usual, was heavy on alcohol and desserts and light on substance.

The three-hour event included only about fifteen minutes’ worth of remarks, awards, and other recognitions, and was even less eventful than usual (unless you consider eventful the presence of a “certified lipsologist” reading guests’ lip prints).

But the gala did provide an opportunity to understand what Maryland residents have been spared—



Gubernatorial candidate Ben Jealous tells partiers at NARAL’s Chocolate Gala it was only ‘by the grace of God’ he wasn’t aborted.

for now.

“My grandmother came to Maryland, and in 1941 she went to work for Planned Parenthood,” said Jealous, who was born four days before the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its disastrous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

His mention of God’s grace notwithstanding, Jealous evidently was raised *with* a heritage of abortion and *without* the “sincere faith” the Apostle Paul recognized young Timothy had, thanks to *his* grandmother Lois and mother Eunice.

If Jealous had been elected governor, with the help of Maryland’s already heavily Democratic legislative chambers, he likely would have pushed a radical pro-abortion agenda packaged in religiosity. We can be thankful that Jealous lost the race.

Defend Life readers can make sure that NARAL’s supporters aren’t feeling so thankful for hav-

ing participated on October 19. The companies and organizations listed below supported the gala with a silent auction donation or other type of “vendor” sponsorship.

It would be appropriate to contact them and inform them politely that their financial support of pro-abortion advocates makes them party to the deaths of tens of thousands of preborn Maryland babies annually.

Otto Porter, Jr., of the NBA’s Washington Wizards donated a signed photo of himself. (His father was one of 13 children; apparently, gratitude for life didn’t get passed down.)

The other offending parties are the American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Bud Miller Associates, Charm City Photo Booths, Franklin’s General Store, HW Printing, International

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Book Review

Fathers of aborted babies: the third victim of abortion

By Diane Levero

Zynette was 19 years old when she had an abortion.

“I had an abortion because I was afraid it would interfere with my existing job,” she explains:

I was 19, had dropped out of college, and had gotten a wonderful job as a flight attendant for a nice airline company. I loved my job, loved working for the public, and then I found out I was 9 weeks pregnant.

I looked at the ultrasound photo, and I was nervous and excited at the same time. I loved the child I had in me; I looked at my baby as a blessing. I planned on telling my boyfriend, the father, the good news when I saw him in person in a couple days.

But the next day I was back on the job, and I realized that I couldn't do my job and have the baby at the same time. I had to make a choice.

I decided not to tell my boyfriend. He would have wanted the child and I thought it best that I make my own decision.

I was 11 weeks pregnant when I aborted my child.

A couple weeks later I was back with my boyfriend. I did my best in not showing any emotional changes but it was not easy.

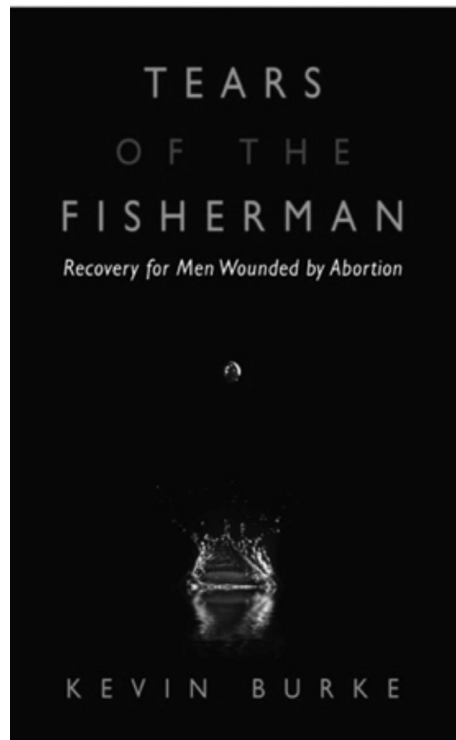
That night we started having sex and in an instant I started crying uncontrollably. He hugged me and comforted me, asking what was wrong, but I could not tell him. But after several minutes I told him I had an abortion.

He was seriously angry with me, and I had never seen him like that

before. He asked a ton of questions, and I told him everything. He got out of bed, got dressed, and walked out of the apartment.

I have never seen him again.

In *Tears of the Fisherman: Recovery for Men Wounded by Abortion*, Kevin Burke draws on his ex-



perience as co-director of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, a post-abortion healing ministry, relating Zynette's story and many others as evidence that men are seriously impacted when they are involved with an abortion.

The author's experience counseling men involved with abortion, including counseling men in a maximum security prison in Florida, reveals how abortion can seriously affect men's lives and behavior.

Burke cites a ten-year study by Drexel University sociologist Arthur Shostak, who himself had accompanied his girlfriend when she went to get an abortion, and was shocked by the pain and discomfort he felt that day.

Surveying 1,000 men who went with their wives or girlfriends to the abortion clinic, Shostak found that:

- One in four men considered abortion to be a participation in the death of their unborn child.
- 80% said they had already started to think about the child that might have been born.
- Many cried while being interviewed.

Burke also discusses the deleterious effects of abortion on the lives of male celebrities such as Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler, tennis pro Jimmy Connors, and Eagles band member Don Henley.

Contrary to common perceptions, he explains, “Abortion intimately injures men emotionally, spiritually and relationally.”

Abortion attacks the heart of male identity, he points out: a core aspect of a man's identity is his role as defender and protector of his offspring.

Men do grieve following abortion, but will not openly admit or express their feelings. Instead, trying to cope with the repressed guilt, grief and trauma of abortion, they often react in culturally prescribed “masculine” ways, such as anger, aggressiveness, or control.

Without reconciliation and recovery from their role in the abor-

tion of their child, men can try to overcompensate for this injury to their manhood in a variety of ways.

They may self-medicate with drugs and alcohol or other addictive behaviors, such as over-work, gambling or pornography; direct their pain inward, leading to depression and anxiety; or project their pain outward in anger, high-risk behavior and violence.

Tears of the Fisherman presents a strong case that a man's involvement with an abortion should not be ignored or swept under the rug, but dealt with by addiction and other counselors, pastors—and by the man himself.

Burke masterfully compares a man's failure to protect his unborn child with Simon Peter's failure to stand by Christ, whom he had pledged to sacrifice his life to protect.

He urges men suffering the aftermath of an abortion to seek help and take steps toward recovery.

"If you patiently keep stepping out in faith and moving forward

with each stage of your recovery, God will bless your efforts, and you will find the peace and healing you hunger for," he assures them.

Abortion recovery resources for men include: Abortionforgiveness.org, part of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign; Rachel's Vineyard.org or their hotline, 1-877-HOPE-4-ME; and Menand-abortion.net.

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learning and being formed in the Faith, says Azin.

"Students have become friends and learn to value everyone's dignity.

"It's easy to see them grow in faith when the truth, goodness and beauty of our Creator is the center of their education!"

Azin and Bill Cleary would be grateful for both prayers and donations to Chesterton Academy.

For more information, see Chestertonacademyofannapolis.org.

Readers Respond

Drag queen 'horror show'

Very distressing story and images of drag queen at Maryland library ["Md. library hosts state's first drag queen story time," *Defend Life*, Nov.-Dec. 2018].

More like a horror show, and at taxpayers' expense. Unbelievable!

Keep up the good work. Thank you.

Doug McAdams

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Spy Museum, Lloyd-Meurer Portrait Studio, Newseum, Olney Theatre, Signature Theatre, Signs by Tomorrow, Strathmore Roadhouse Restaurant, and Zeffert & Gold Catering.

We may take our business elsewhere, but we're called to be God's servants here in our state. We need to pray for our governor, Larry Hogan, who was once an outspoken pro-lifer.

Just a few months before his *first* election, Hogan said in an interview, "I'm personally opposed to abortion—always have been."

That's not good enough; Maryland's preborn citizens deserve more from their governor. But that's a good place to start—to re-start.

We should be thankful that by God's grace Governor Hogan was re-elected, and we must encourage our governor to make his personal opposition to abortion public policy.

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“We were told in the confessional, as I was, ‘Well, you have so many children, you can use this to space them.’ I’m sure the priest who told me that didn’t know the truth either.”

The MacFarlane’s twelfth daughter, Catherine, teaches Napro technology—Natural Procreative Technology—“the ultimate science for spacing children,” said MacFarlane. It’s also 80% effective in curing infertility.

“Napro technology is a huge movement; it should be promoted in every parish in the U.S.!” he urged.

Key to happy family

The foundation for a happy, holy family is the sacramental life, said MacFarlane—“not just praying the family Rosary, although that’s very important. The ultimate reality in the history of the world to this day is Jesus in the Eucharist.” He recommended going to daily Mass, if possible, especially during Lent.

The sacrament of Confession is also vital, he added: “Jesus told St. Faustina, ‘The confessional is the tribunal of my mercy.’”

MacFarlane, who is an authority on Marian apparitions, pointed out that the main message in many of the visions of the Blessed Mother was prayer and fasting.

“The hardest thing is to do something we don’t want to do, like giving up TV or candy,” he admitted; “but we must mortify our senses.”

MacFarlane also described The Mary Foundation, a Catholic evangelism apostolate begun by Bud MacFarlane, Jr. after he recorded a talk by his father.

The Mary Foundation offers a great variety of CDs on Catholic



Fatima followers take to the streets

In public venues across America, thousands of groups gather to pray the Rosary on October 13, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady’s final Fatima apparition and the Miracle of the Sun. Above, at the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally in Dundalk, Md., are (from left) Rally Captain Mary Kollner, Co-captain Linda Bocklage, Sherrie Koneyak and Fran Danna.

Below, at a separate rally in Dundalk Heritage Park, Deacon Al Bankard (right) leads the recitation of the Rosary by members of Knights of Fatima Council 10137, Baltimore, and others, including Md. State Delegate Bob Long (2nd from right).



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