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## Johns Hopkins starts transgender surgery after 38-year hiatus

Johns Hopkins Medicine has ended its 38-year-old ban on transgender surgery and other “gender-affirming” treatment with the opening of the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health.

Since the Center opened in the summer of 2017, its medical director, Devin O’Brien Coon, has performed roughly 150 “gender-affirming” surgeries, according to an article by Linnell Smith in the November-December 2018 *Dome* (“A Bright New Start for Transgender Health”).

At least a dozen of those surgeries were phalloplasties—a multistage operation for a patient transitioning from female to male, in which a functional penis is constructed using tissue from the patient’s own forearm, requiring complex microvascular and nerve surgery.

Other surgeries offered by the Center include facial feminization, “top surgery”—chest masculinization mastectomy and breast augmentation, and “bottom surgery”—metoidioplasty (which makes a penis from a clitoris that has been hormonally enlarged), hysterectomy and vaginoplasty, which creates a vagina.

### “Pent-up demand”

“Fifty years ago, Johns Hopkins

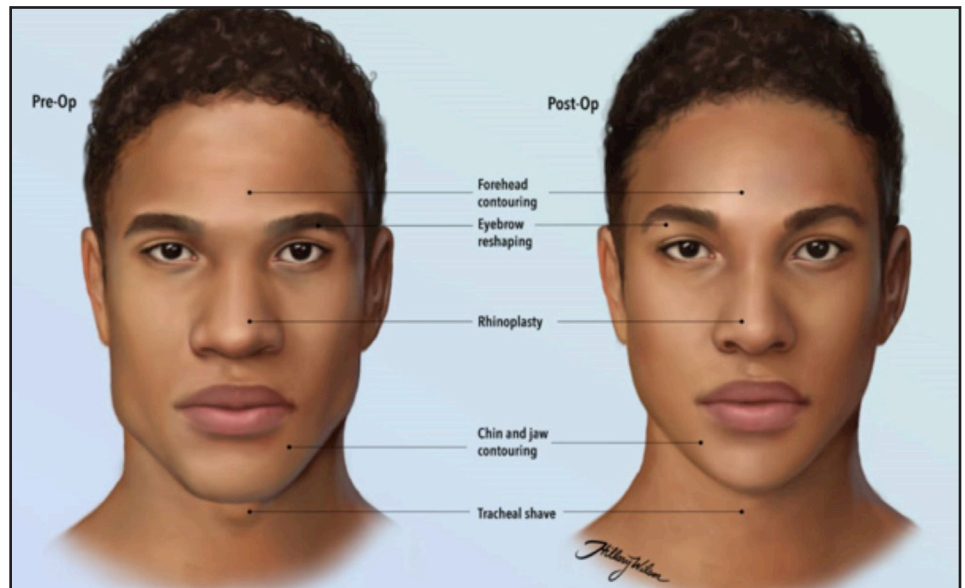


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**Facial feminization surgery, a 10-hour procedure, is one of the “gender-affirming” surgeries performed at the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health.**

Medicine was the leading academic medical center providing transgender health care in the United States,” according to the *Dome*.

“Then, amid controversy about its services, the original Gender Identity Clinic closed in 1979.

“With the establishment of the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health, Johns Hopkins Medicine has returned to our roots as a leader in providing care to a population that faces many health care disparities,” says Paul B. Rothman, dean of the medical faculty and CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine.”

The center is responding to a “pent-up demand” for such services, writes Smith. In its first year of operation, it has worked with 800 patients.

According to a 2016 study by a public policy research institute at the University of California School of Law, there are roughly 1.4 million transgender people in the U.S.—22,300 in Maryland, Smith reports.

Transgender surgery can cost \$30,000 or more. But a landmark antidiscrimination court ruling prior to the Center’s opening greatly expanded health care insurance for

transgender people.

In addition to the Center for Transgender Health, in the summer of 2017 Hopkins also opened the Emerge Gender and Sexuality Clinic for Children, Adolescents and Young Adults.

Children are not eligible for transgender surgery until they're 18, and usually can't get hormonal therapy under the age of 16, writes Karen Nitkin ("Helping Transgender Children and Youth," *Dome*, November-December 2018).

But the Emerge clinic, which serves patients as young as 6, supports "transgender boys" in binding their breasts and "transgender girls" in putting on makeup and finding "cute new shoes."

The clinic also helps patients to change their names and introduce themselves to classmates with their new names and genders.

### "Everybody on board"

On August 2, 2017, Dr. O'Brien Coon performed his first vaginoplasty at Johns Hopkins—and the first at the hospital in almost 40 years.

"The operation was the real exclamation point on the center being open," said O'Brien Coon.

"It showed that the priorities and the goals of Johns Hopkins Medicine had changed. And everybody, from the OR staff to the administrators to the nurses, *everybody* was on board."

Well, not everybody.

Dr. Paul McHugh is Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Hopkins.

From 1975 to 2001, Dr. McHugh served as Psychiatrist-in-Chief at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In 1965 Johns Hopkins Hospital became the first academic medical institution in the U.S. to perform sex-reassignment surgery.

The idea to attempt such radical surgery came primarily from Hopkins psychologist John Money and surgeon Claude Migeon.

The two were already treating children who at birth had malformed, sexually ambiguous genitalia and severe phallic defects.

When such defects occur in a



Photo: Dome

**Devin O'Brien Coon is medical Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health.**

male child, the easiest form of surgical treatment is by castration (amputating the testes and any vestigial male structures) and constructing a female-looking genital anatomy.

Money held that "gender identity"—a term that he coined—was largely a result of environmental conditioning.

He advised the distressed parents of such children to permit the surgery, telling them that following the surgery, if they raised their son as a girl, he would accept his role as

a girl with few problems.

Money and Migeon established the Johns Hopkins Gender Identity Clinic.

In 1969, Money co-edited *Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment*, which helped bring more acceptance to sexual reassignment surgery and transgender persons.

Money, however, lost some credibility and gained notoriety when *Rolling Stone* detailed his alleged bizarre psychological treatment of one of his young patients.

Bruce Reimer, whose penis had been destroyed in a botched electrocautery circumcision, underwent surgical castration at Hopkins Hospital in 1967.

He never adjusted to being a "girl." After suffering for years from depression, he committed suicide.

### McHugh backs follow-up studies

When he became Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Hopkins in 1975, Dr. McHugh assumed authority over all the practices in the department.

"I realized that if I were passive I would be tacitly co-opted in encouraging sex-change surgery in the very department that had originally proposed and still defended it," wrote McHugh.

"I decided to challenge what I considered to be a misdirection of psychiatry and to demand more information both before and after their operations" ("Surgical Sex: Why we stopped doing sex change operations," by Paul R. McHugh, *First Things*, Nov. 2004).

McHugh encouraged research by psychiatrist Jon Meyer, who was

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## Transgender surgery: ‘Pro-choice humanitarianism on steroids’

Dr. Paul McHugh, Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medicine, has not wavered in the convictions that caused him to ban transgender surgery at Hopkins when he was its Psychiatrist-in-Chief in 1979.

Since then, the culture, the mainstream media, and the medical establishment have come to embrace the concept of transgenderism and given uncritical support to transgender surgery.

“They talk as though science has changed,” Dr. McHugh told *Defend Life* in a January 4 phone interview.

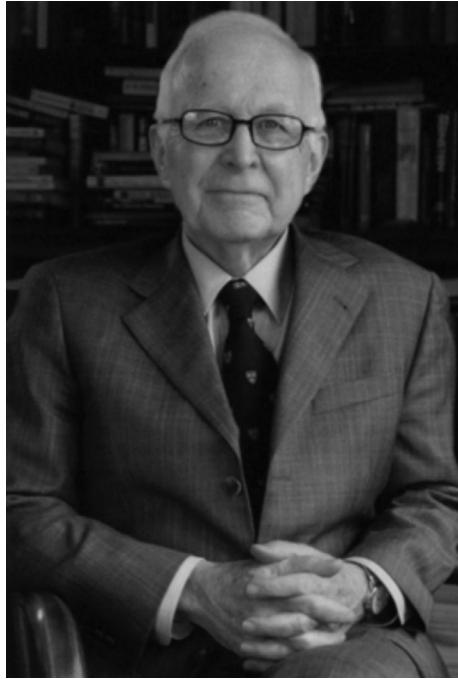
“But the *science* hasn’t changed—the *culture* has changed. We’ve gone to pro-choice humanitarianism on steroids!

“With the pro-choice humanitarianism we have now, we have to do what the patient wants,” McHugh explains: “You should be kind to everybody—refusing people their choice to do what they want is unkind.”

Reminded that the term “pro-choice” is commonly used by pro-abortionists, McHugh observes, “It’s the very same people who are pro-abortion that are also pro-transgender surgery, because it’s driven from the same humanitarian position.”

When McHugh became Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Hopkins in 1975, he decided to examine the effects of transgender surgery more closely.

“Patients were reporting that they were unable to function suc-



**With transgender surgery, “The *science* hasn’t changed; the *culture* has changed,” says Dr. Paul McHugh.**

cessfully in the way their bodies then were,” he recalls.

In follow-up studies of patients who had undergone transgender surgery, “Many said they were happy they got the surgery; but in their work life and their social life, nothing was improved.

“We did surgery *not* to make people happy,” he maintains; “we’re not ‘Happy Doctors!’ So we stopped doing the surgery, and for twenty years, most people agreed with me.”

In fact, in 1995, says McHugh, he wrote an article explaining his reasons for banning transgender surgery in a respected medical journal.

“It was a peer-reviewed publication, but worldwide I didn’t have a

single objection.”

But when the culture changed, it changed radically and rapidly, he notes.

“Plenty of people at Hopkins still agree with me,” he says.

But when it comes to squelching opposition, “these people [LGBT activists] are worse than the Spanish Inquisition!” he exclaims.

“I put in a good fight over the years. But when *I* was defending the ban on transsexual surgery, most people agreed with me.

“I’m 87; I’m not going to be around that much longer—I’m about to step off the stage. But today you would have to ask people to pay a bigger price than I do—what they face would be a lot worse.”

They would be risking their jobs and their professional reputations, he contends: understandably, “They don’t want to take up the battle.”

McHugh thinks, however, that eventually, the pendulum will swing in the other direction.

“Many patients regret having this treatment. Their bodies are broken; they’re victims—maybe of suicide.

“They’re going to ask their doctor, ‘Why did you give me this treatment?’ They may ask this question in a court of law.

“The doctor’s answer will be, ‘We were just using the standard of treatment at that time.’

“But the patient will say, ‘You misdiagnosed me; I was suffer-

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ing from depression or some other malady.”

Support for transsexual surgery will eventually collapse, but until then, “the cultural damage will be great,” McHugh predicts.

Those at Hopkins and elsewhere who truly support transgender surgery “believe they’re fighting for a good cause,” he says, adding, “There’s an old saying, you know: ‘The road to Hell is paved with good intentions!’

“Right now, I’m not doing a lot more” on the transgender surgery debate, says McHugh; “I’ve done all I can.”

In his current position as Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Hopkins, McHugh is still accepting patients.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, the left-wing group notorious for designating Christian, pro-life, and pro-traditional marriage organizations as “hate groups,” “objects to Johns Hopkins keeping me on,” says McHugh.

“But I love Johns Hopkins! I’ve been there for more than 40 years—I feel I’m part of Hopkins.”

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doing follow-up studies of adults who had received sex-change operations at Hopkins.

Meyer’s studies showed that

while most of the patients were contented with having had the surgery, they still suffered the same psychological and social adjustment problems they had before the operation.

McHugh also encouraged Hopkins resident psychiatrist William G. Reiner to do a follow-up study of male infants born with malformed, sexually ambiguous genitalia who had had surgery to construct female-like genitalia so they could be raised as girls.

Reiner’s study (reported in the January 22, 2004 *New England*

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**Transgenderism is a mental disorder that merits treatment—changing one’s sex is ‘biologically impossible,’ according to McHugh.**

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*Journal of Medicine*) found that such re-engineered males were almost never comfortable as females.

Despite earnest efforts by their parents to treat them as girls, they behaved spontaneously like boys, enjoying rough-and-tumble games but not dolls and “playing house.”

Reiner concluded that, based on the fact that they, like all males, had been exposed to testosterone during their embryonic life, they exhibited male-type tendencies (vigorous play, sexual arousal by females, and physical aggressiveness) regardless of efforts to socialize them as females.

“Having looked at the Reiner and Meyer studies, we in the Johns Hopkins Psychiatry Department eventually concluded that human sexual identity is mostly built into our constitution by the genes we in-

herit and the embryogenesis we undergo; male hormones sexualize the brain and mind,” said McHugh.

**“A mental disorder”**

When Johns Hopkins University—which in the 1960s was the first American medical center to venture into “sex-reassignment” surgery—ended the practice in 1979, many other hospitals followed suit.

But since then, says McHugh, “I’ve learned there is a deep prejudice in favor of the idea that nature is totally malleable,” and he has mounted a vigorous defense of his position.

In an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* (“Transgender Surgery Isn’t the Solution,” June 12, 2014), McHugh wrote that transgenderism is “a mental disorder” that merits treatment, that sex change is “biologically impossible,” and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder.

He reported on a long-term study at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden in 2011 showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people.

He also pointed to studies from Vanderbilt University and London’s Portman Clinic of children who had expressed transgender feelings but that, over time 70% to 80% of them “spontaneously lost those feelings.”

“Policy makers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention,” he concluded.

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## Ambulance called by client at Baltimore Planned Parenthood

When pro-life sidewalk advocate John Roswell arrived at 9 a.m. December 7 at Planned Parenthood on North Howard Street in Baltimore, he knew it was going to be a busy day.

So did Planned Parenthood, which had assembled four “escorts” who aggressively blocked Roswell’s efforts to hand out fliers to women as they entered the building.

By 10 a.m., two more pro-life advocates had arrived to help dissuade women from choosing to abort their child.

At 11:51 a.m., however, the usual hum of vehicle and pedestrian traffic was shattered when a Baltimore City Fire Department ambulance, lights and siren blazing, pulled up at the abortion facility entrance.

Several Emergency Medical Service personnel got out of the ambulance, and one entered Planned Parenthood.

An emergency SUV also arrived and parked at the side of the building, on Mulberry Street.

Shortly afterwards, the medic who had entered Planned Parenthood came out, followed by a woman carrying a green folder.

Pro-life regulars at Planned Parenthood have observed that a green folder is usually given to women clients who are candidates for a chemical abortion.

The woman was put inside the ambulance, said Roswell.

“Some sort of practitioner from Planned Parenthood carting a medical-type bag and stethoscope climbed in after her, along with the ambulance personnel,” he added.

The ambulance, with the woman and medical personnel inside,



**Baltimore City Emergency Medical Services personnel exit an ambulance in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Howard Street (above). Below, a medic and a woman carrying a green folder exit the Planned Parenthood building and walk to the ambulance parked in front of the building.**

remained on the scene for over an hour, he said.

Defend Life requested, from the Baltimore City Fire Department, under the Maryland Public Information Act, copies of all recordings of 911 emergency communications placed from 330 North Howard

Street on December 7, as well as all Computer-Aided Dispatch transcripts related to the call or calls.

Both the 911 recording and the CAD transcript that BCFD sent were heavily redacted.

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## Pro-lifer videos truck hauling Planned Parenthood waste

A man wearing a blue company uniform shirt and a maintenance employee were hastily loading boxes labeled “Curtis Bay Energy” into a truck behind the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Baltimore on January 11 when John Roswell approached them and started videotaping.

“You don’t want to be videoed,” the pro-life sidewalk advocate shouted to the truck driver for Curtis Bay Energy.

“You should choose a different job; you’re an accessory to murder—and your company is too!”

“So you need to tell your boss you either want a different job or a different route, or he needs to stop doing this.”

Without responding, the two men quickly finished loading the boxes and the truck drove off.

Roswell, director of Sidewalk

Advocates for Life’s Baltimore branch, said he had been “playing a cat and mouse game” to get video proof on the haulers.

Obviously aware of what he was trying to do, and in collusion with Planned Parenthood, the haulers had managed to avoid his video camera for months.

But on January 11, he got what he wanted: a videotape showing that Curtis Bay Energy is hauling away infectious/biomedical waste from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Howard Street.

He sent the tape to Created Equal, a pro-life group whose program, Project Weak Link, publicly exposes companies who dispose of biomedical waste, including the bodies and parts of aborted babies, for abortion facilities (createdequal.org).

By January 15, projectweak-



**A side view of a Curtis Bay Energy truck at Planned Parenthood is captured on a January 11 video.**



**A worker loads boxes labeled “Curtis Bay Energy” into a truck outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Baltimore.**

link.com had posted an earlier, still photo sent by Roswell of Curtis Bay Energy recycling boxes being loaded on a truck at the Baltimore Planned Parenthood.

Project Weak Link quotes from Curtis Bay Energy’s website: “We manage the largest medical waste incinerator in the U.S. and the only facility in the Northeast Region that utilizes Waste-to-Energy incineration to safely convert infectious/biomedical waste and non-hazardous pharmaceuticals into useful energy.”

“In other words,” Created Equal concludes, “Curtis Bay Energy, which services much of the east coast, converts aborted babies into electricity for use in households and businesses in the Baltimore, MD area.

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## Catholic Church dominated by homosexual mindset, says Voris

When President Barack Obama went to give the commencement speech and receive an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame in 2009, Michael Voris was there with a camera crew, filming a protest at the opposite end of the campus.

“I happened to glance back towards the Golden Dome and saw Air Force One flying over the dome,” Voris told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored March for Life Kick-off Lecture January 11.

The plane’s landing gear was coming down right over the dome—which, topped with its statue of Our Lady, is an iconic symbol of American Catholicism.

Voris, a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame, was overcome with emotion.

“I just started crying,” he recalled; “it was like Satan coming back into the Garden” of Eden.

“There’s no way this event should have happened,” he told his audience at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus in Bethesda, Md.

Over 350,000 Catholics had signed just one petition protesting the honors given by Notre Dame to the pro-abortion president, he pointed out: “This was a sort of universal moment of the Church in America.”

Yet, of the close to 400 bishops in America, only 88 protested Notre Dame’s actions.

Voris, a veteran TV news reporter, anchor and producer, mainly with CBS News, had received four Emmy Awards for excellence in broadcast journalism.

He had gone on to found the Catholic apostolate, St. Michael’s Media, in 2005.

### Mission changed

But after the watershed moment at Notre Dame, “our mission changed,” said Voris.

So did their name. St. Michael’s Media became Church Militant to better reflect its focus on battling the forces of evil—especially *within* the Church.

Why had 80% of the bishops kept quiet on such an affront to the Faith, they asked.

The new Church Militant decided to investigate and expose the



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reasons for the massive turnabout in the Church, which had been strong and vibrant as late as 1965,

Polls show that of the roughly 70 million Americans who are baptized as Catholics, 80% of them don’t go to Mass, leaving roughly 15 million who do, Voris noted.

“Of them, an enormous number pick and choose which teachings they believe; only 7 million are really Catholic. So about 90% of the Church is either in apostasy, heresy, or schism,” he asserted.

“I came to the conclusion—and it’s a big leap—“Voris acknowledged, “that a significant number of bishops in America no longer believe in the Catholic faith.”

The Catholic clergy was essentially assaulted from the inside, he said.

The sea change began with “plants” in Catholic seminaries by Communists in the 1920s and ‘30s meant to destroy their arch enemy, the Church.

Ex-American Communist Bella Dodd, who converted to Catholicism, told then-Bishop Fulton Sheen and philosopher-theologian Alice von Hildebrand that she herself placed about 1,100 anti-Catholic men, many of them homosexuals, in the seminaries.

By the 1960s, said Voris, some of these men had become bishops.

“They go out and start recruiting; they start to staff their seminaries and chanceries with people who say the Church needs to be reformed. They screen out orthodox guys; they call them ‘rigid.’”

Once these bishops have placed like-minded men as directors of their vocation recruitment office, their seminaries, and as their director of vocations, they have ensured that within twenty years, they will have turned around their diocese, said Voris.

“All of the institutions in the West have been infiltrated and steamrolled by a sexual revolution, and the Church, because of what was going on inside it, was powerless to stand up and fight against it,” he declared.

### “Homosexual mindset”

The massive sexual abuse scandal in the Church is only the tip of

the iceberg, says Voris.

Many bishops have tried to portray the scandal solely as sexual child abuse.

But the John Jay report in 2004, commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, reported that 80% of the abuse was perpetrated by homosexual men on teenage boys.

Outside the Church, 80% of victims in sex abuse cases are girls, Voris pointed out.

Moreover, he noted, “This is *not* a pedophilia problem: The great majority of victims in the Church were 13- to 16-year-old boys, who were generally altar boys. That makes it a question of pederasty.”

But the problem goes even deeper, he charged.

“The number of homosexual priests who are actively involved with other homosexual priests is staggering; and this does not stop with them becoming bishops.

“Straight across the board, the Catholic Church, as an institution, is dominated by a homosexual mindset,” he charged.

Tragically, “many of the same priests and bishops who have been promoting the homosexual reign are also liturgically, doctrinally, and devotionally defiant,” said Voris.

A prime example was Archbishop of Detroit John Dearden who, in 1965, began to institute some of the most liberal reforms in the history of the Church in America.

“Dearden is responsible for Eucharistic ministers, girl altar boys,

turning the altar to face the people, and your Dan Schutte music hymnals,” said Voris.

Under Dearden, St. John’s Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, became such a hotbed for homosexual seminarians that it earned the nickname, “the Pink Palace.”

Every Wednesday night, for example, seminarians were compelled to attend a showing of a gay porno video.

When evidence of this landed on Pope John Paul II’s desk, he or-

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dered the seminary shut down.

Dearden was responsible for the appointment of over 100 U.S. bishops, many of whom were gay.

One of them, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, established the first openly gay office in the Archdiocese of Chicago, called AGLO—the Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach.

“It still exists today,” said Voris.

**Active homosexual**

Another bishop, Daniel Ryan, who was recommended by Dearden to be bishop of Springfield, Ill., was an active homosexual.

He hired homosexual prostitutes, some of whom were minors, and routinely had sex with priests in his diocese for years.

“The group, Roman Catholic Faithful, started their own dossier

on Ryan,” said Voris. “They were able to prove that, and he had to step down.”

The laity need to understand “the depth of the depravity, the complete rejection of the teachings of the Catholic Church, by a huge number of leaders in the Church, said Voris.

Why don’t any of the “good” bishops say anything about this?

“They are horribly weak men,” charged Voris; “they are prone to ‘conflict avoidance’—they make excuses.”

In 1972 Bishop Archbishop Fulton Sheen gave a speech to the Knights of Columbus, said Voris.

“He asked, ‘Who is going to save the Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious; it is up to you, the people!’

“The successors of the apostles have the authority; but you’ve got *mouths* and you’ve got *check-books*—and you need to use them!” Voris urged.

Many bishops are walking down the path that Judas went, he said.

“But many bishops can be moved by prayer; we believe that as Catholics.

“If you aren’t offering up your Communion for the restoration of the Church, then you have no reason to complain.

“You need to be engaged on a spiritual level: prayers, rosary, and sacrifices. *You* have to be a saint! To whatever degree you are holy now, increase in holiness,” he advised.

We can’t defeat the powers of Hell; but we can be *used* to do it.

“Fight the corruption, write the letters, and pray, pray, pray.”

*For Michael Voris’ complete talk, go to Defend Life’s page at Facebook.com and click on “Videos.”*

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## For West Va. state senator, with God all things are possible

Patricia Rucker does not think she's "special."

"I consider myself a regular person," the West Virginia state senator told listeners at her Defend Life-sponsored talk at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City November 16.

"I'm a mother of five, happily married to my husband for 21 years," said Rucker.

"But I'm willing to tell my story, especially if it helps any of you in your prayer life, and in your attempt to do God's will, which is my only goal."

She then went on to tell her audience about her extraordinary life, in which amazing things have happened—things that she credits solely to trusting in God and doing His will.

Patricia Elena Puertas was born in Caracas, Venezuela, to parents who were raised in what most Americans would consider abject poverty.

"My mother was the oldest of nine children. Her family lived in a two-room aluminum shack with no running water in the bayous of Venezuela," said Rucker.

"Her aunts and uncles helped her to go to high school. She was the first in her family to go to college."

After her graduation, she used her first paycheck to move her family out of their shack into a small but decent apartment.

Patricia's father, the oldest of seven children, worked whatever jobs he could find to go to college. It took him ten years to graduate.

"They met in college," said Rucker; "both were journalists."

Her dad got a job covering the Washington, D.C., desk for Agency



**West Virginia State Senator Patricia Rucker credits God for helping her pass pro-life bills.**

French Presse, moving his family to Montgomery County, Md., in 1981, when Patricia was 6.

"The courage and model of my parents is part and parcel of what I am!" she declared.

After graduating from college, Rucker taught social studies in Montgomery County public schools.

But when she and her husband Jimmy had their first child, "I looked at my baby, and I knew I could never put her in day care!" she recalled.

It was too expensive to live in Montgomery County on one income, so they moved to West Virginia, where they have lived ever since.

Rucker, who became a U.S. citizen in 2004, had majored in history in college and was always interested in politics.

By 2008, she said, "I was upset with the way things were going politically in the U.S. I felt we were drifting the way of Venezuela," where dictator Hugo Chavez had taken over.

So she campaigned for candi-

dates she felt she could support. "I thought that was my role," she explained.

But in the 2014 election, no one wanted to run against the state delegate in her own district, Stephen Skinner, who was wealthy, well-known and well-connected.

"The night before the filing deadline, Patrick Morrissey, the attorney general of West Virginia, asked me to put my name in.

"I objected—I was homeschooling my children!" said Rucker.

But cajoled by Morrissey, who felt that the Democrat incumbent should at least have token opposition from the Republicans, she filed the next day.

Rucker doggedly waged a grassroots campaign.

"I would home-school from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.," she recalled, "then campaign door-to-door from 3 p.m. until dark, Monday through Saturday.

"I lost by only 131 votes. Nobody had ever come that close to winning in that delegate race!"

In that election, Republicans won control of the West Virginia House and Senate for the first time in 81 years.

After the election, while Patricia was conducting a tour of the Senate chambers, she said, "I literally heard a voice saying, 'You will be sitting here.'"

"Because it is so hard for me to trust in God, I prayed, 'It's a bad idea. You have to give me a sign!'"

Later, while she was praying at Eucharistic Adoration, "A voice said, 'Do you trust Me or not?' At that point, all my excuses were use-

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Some words about the **45th Annual March for Life**, but first let me thank all of you who gave so generously to our Christmas Matching Grant Campaign. Because of **YOU**, **DEFEND LIFE** is able to continue **its mission to end legalized abortion on demand** in America.



Thursday night, January 17, I went to the Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. It's always so inspiring to see the many thousands of pro-lifers who come from states as far West as Kansas and Nebraska to attend the March. Most buses need at least 2 bus drivers to make the trip. From Lincoln, Nebraska, it's a **1,200 mile** trip that takes **20 hours**. Throw in about **5** rest stops and you are up to **24 hours!**

The next morning I attended a **Standing in the Gap** program at Holy Name Church in DC, only blocks from Planned Parenthood's new mega abortion mill. My good friend and **PRO-LIFE** hero, **Randall Terry**, with his son Randy were there. They had driven all the way from Memphis (**14 hours, 900 miles**). Randall will be our speaker in March. We are still looking for a parish or K of C Council to host his talk on Friday, March 15. **See ad on Page 20**. Randall Terry founded **Operation Rescue** while **still in his twenties**.



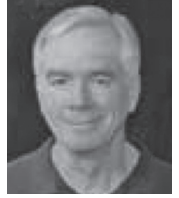
From there, I drove to the March and dropped off recruiting flyers for **Grace Tifford**, this year's Face the Truth Tour Director. Grace is a Junior at **Brookewood School**, a wonderful independent Catholic School in Kensington, Maryland. **See ad on page 20** for this year's **July 29 – August 2 Truth Tour** and contact Grace to become a member of the Core Team. As I attempted to rendezvous with Grace, it was obvious that this year's March for Life turnout was **out of sight!** I saw hundreds of soon to be Marchers surging across 14th Street to The Mall where **Vice President Pence** was soon to speak in person and **President Trump** (God Bless him) would soon speak from the Oval Office.

I had to park about 15 minutes away at Farragut Square. While walking from there back to the Mall, proudly wearing my **PRO-LIFE T-shirt**, I came upon 2 persons, a dad who lived in nearby Arlington and his daughter from Kansas City, Kansas. Those of you who know me well know my first questions are **Where are you from? Where did you attend school?** His name was **Joe Hicks**. He, like myself, was a Villanova electrical engineer, and ironically, his father, also Joe Hicks, was one of my superb engineering teachers at Villanova. His daughter, now living in Kansas City, had become a good friend of my great friend **Monsignor Stuart Swetland**, now President of Donnelly College in that same city. It truly is a small world and we are so blessed to meet so many saintly persons joining with us to **end abortion**.



Later I rendezvoused with **Craig Hudgins**, a now retired United Air Lines pilot from Virginia Beach. Craig did ever so much to promote the **Gosnell Movie** and is attempting to show it at this year's Catholic Medical Association Conference in Nashville. And then I joined the never ending March to Capitol Hill. We outnumbered the Women's March the following day by **at least 10-1**.

Some of the friends I spotted were **Moira Sheridan**, the tireless President of Delaware Right to Life. Moira is also a professional gardener and gives tours in German at nearby Longwood Gardens, one of America's greatest treasures! Then I saw **Greg Cunningham**, founder of **CBR (Center for Bioethical Reform)**, the brilliant courageous lawyer who gave up his *cushy* position as a United States Attorney to found CBR. That organization brought the huge Victim Images of Aborted Babies to College Campuses across America. Visit **AbortionNo.org**. One of my favorite lines is this: **You are Either Catholic or Not Yet Catholic**. Greg is the latter. He is seriously considering taking the leap but is deeply troubled by the questionable remarks presently coming from Rome. I told him not to be troubled because only the Catholic Church can trace its roots back in an unbroken line to its founder, **Jesus Christ!** I also told him I would gladly be his sponsor. Greg, if you are reading this, I pray that you will take that **leap of faith soon!**



Along the line of the March were hundreds of **Crusaders for Life**, high school students all the way from Chicago with their beautiful yellow banners. High school students clearly dominated this year's march as has always been the case in recent years.

My friend **Bob Newman** from Pittsburgh (Bob started Truth Tours all over Pennsylvania and even went to West Virginia) was watching the March from his kitchen on **EWTN (C-Span** also covered it) when he saw **91** year old **Joe Scheidler** marching up Constitution Avenue. Bob called Joe on his cell phone to congratulate him for marching.

The next day I attended the Cardinal O'Connor Conference at Georgetown University. One of the talks I attended was given by **Catherine Glenn Foster**, President of Americans United for Life. **AUL** is doing great work at the state level to pass a tremendous amount of effective **PRO-LIFE** legislation. I first met Catherine when she was arranging a talk by **Tom Brejcha** at Georgetown Law School. Catherine then headed the student **PRO-LIFE** group there. Visit **AUL.org** to find out more about this great organization. The late great Congressman Henry Hyde described **AUL** as a **Thoughtful Strategic Leader Fighting to End Abortion**. It was founded way back in 1971 by my dear late friend Brent Bozell, Jr. Brent's brilliant son is Brent Bozell, III, President of **Media Research Center**.



**Long Live Christ Our King!**

*Jack Ames*  
Jack Ames, Director

**Enclosure**

**P.S.** Here is what really happened after the March. A group of Kentucky high school students were confronted at the Lincoln Memorial by a **radical activist Nathan Philips who was loudly and incessantly beating on a drum**. He got **within inches of student Nick Sandman who was wearing a Make America Great Again** hat. The perplexed students reacted by shouting their high school cheers. Pictures were taken, the incident got into Social Media, & soon **Fake News** outlets like **CNN** began reporting it as a **racial slur** against American Indians. These wonderful young boys were then condemned by their Bishop, other Bishops, the **Archdiocese of Baltimore**, and the March for Life itself. FMI, visit **RestoreDCCatholicism**.





**RUCKER, from page 9**

less. I said, ‘Yes, I trust you, Lord.’”

So in January 2015, Rucker pre-filed for the Senate seat.

When that year’s session ended in April 2015, the incumbent senator, who had held that seat for 20 years, retired.

“The delegate who had beaten me by 131 votes said he would run for the Senate seat. We were having a rematch!”

Her politically savvy friends advised her to politically attack her opponent.

“But I absolutely refused. I knew I was running for office because God asked me to.

“They also told me not to waste my time with the Democrats; they’re never going to vote for you. But I refused to follow that policy, mostly because of the prompting of the Holy Spirit.”

Instead, Rucker campaigned door-to-door in the inner city in Martinsburg, where there were a lot of Democrats.

“Yes, some people were rude to me, but overall, the vast experience was positive. My focus was not on winning, but on doing God’s will.”

When it became apparent that she might actually win, Skinner started attacking her.

He paid canvassers to distribute flyers door-to-door saying that she would defund public education because she was a home-schooler.

He alleged that she wanted to legalize heroin. He also ran expensive radio ads, “which made me very scared and nervous,” she admitted.

At an NAACP forum debate before a mostly Democratic audience,

the candidates were asked whether they supported the conservative Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

While every other Republican candidate at the forum waffled or claimed they opposed it, Rucker said she absolutely supported it.

“People stood up and applauded me; they were happy to see someone be courageous!” she concluded.

Although her opponent outspent her 4 to 1, Rucker won by 5,000 votes.

In the 2017 legislative session, her first year in office, West Virginians for Life asked her to help pass a meaningful parental notification law.

“The state’s parental notification law was meaningless,” she explained. “If you were a minor, you had to notify your parents before you had an abortion, but you could waive that requirement if a physician approved—and the abortionists knew which doctor to send her to, to get the waiver.”

The pro-lifers drafted a law requiring approval for a minor’s abortion from a district court judge, who would have access to social service agencies and the police for help.

“It was a battle, but we passed it,” said Rucker.

“Another sign that God was with me was that I got put on the right committees,” she noted. “I was assigned to eight committees, including Health and Judiciary—the two committees where pro-life-related bills would be sent.”

One bill that went before those committees was a telemedicine bill, which would make it legal to prescribe any “Schedule II” drugs via telecommunication and information technologies.

“I asked if Schedule II drugs included abortion-inducing drugs.

The sponsor introducing the bill said he didn’t know.”

So Rucker proposed an amendment that excluded abortion-inducing drugs. The bill with her amendment passed.

“We found out after it had passed that the bill was meant *specifically* to allow phone-prescribing of abortion-inducing drugs; Planned Parenthood was behind it. They were trying to pull a fast one!

“That [outcome] was totally God—there was no planning or forethought on my part.”

In the 2018 legislative session West Virginians for Life asked Rucker to help reduce abortions paid for through Medicaid—a major task, since the state’s constitution maintained the right both to abortion and to state funding for it.

“You need two-thirds of both the House and Senate to pass a constitutional amendment, so we needed Democrat support.

“West Virginia is pretty much pro-life; even the Democrats say they are pro-life, but this was putting them on the spot.

“It got through the Senate, but it was a big fight.”

The amendment passed the House and was approved by voters in the 2018 election.

Rucker has pre-filed to run in the 2020 election.

Being a state senator “is scary,” she admits. “You’re going to make enemies with every vote you make.

“But ultimately, you know you’re doing God’s will; I know that’s what I’m responsible for.

“And I believe that being that example to others, I’m helping others to walk in the right path.”

*To see Patricia Rucker’s complete talk, go to [defendlife.org](http://defendlife.org) and click on Senator Patricia Rucker—Downloadable Video.*

**FIGHT ABORTION! YOUR VERY OWN LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!**

# Delta Pregnancy Center puts faith into action

By Bob Brown

A box of disposable diapers sits on a shelf next to a commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

The décor inside Pastor Doug McClean's office at Calvary Chapel might seem odd—until you remember that a church is a place where love and truth should be working together.

Many churches support pregnancy resource centers with money and manpower, but few establish a center on church grounds.

In the modest-sized office lined with shelves of theological tomes and pamphlets addressing unplanned pregnancies, Delta Pregnancy Center opened on October 13, 2018, at Calvary Chapel in Delta, Pa.

Delta Pregnancy Center (DPC) is the brainchild of Jody Ward, a Calvary Chapel member known to many pro-lifers throughout the greater Baltimore region.

For years, the energetic mother of five and grandmother of two has done sidewalk counseling at Planned Parenthood on North Howard Street in downtown Baltimore; she still talks with clients and other passers-by there a couple of times a month.

Ward has also led several 40 Days for Life campaigns on Bel Air Road near the Whole Women's Health abortion business, the third busiest killing center in Maryland.

In fact, Ward was one of the founders and, for the first eighteen months of operations, the project manager of Women's Care Center, a pregnancy resource center located on the other side of the road from Whole Women's Health.



Jody Ward (left) and Jackie Busha show a visitor around Delta Pregnancy Center at Calvary Chapel.

In an interview at the DPC office in early January, Ward told me that the time she spent getting Women's Care Center off the ground and running taught her "the nuts and bolts of what is needed to start" a pregnancy resource center.

DPC is not located in an urban setting, however, and not even in downtown Delta. Calvary Chapel lies on two-lane Route 74, just a few miles north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Woods and farms abut the church property and fill the eye's view in just about every direction. Delta has a population of a little over 700; neighboring Whiteford, Md., has fewer than 2,500 people.

So, why start a pregnancy resource center in such a sparsely populated region?

Two reasons: need and duty. Many area residents occupy a lower income bracket, and before DPC

opened, the nearest resource center for pregnant mothers was about thirty minutes away. Women would have to drive to York, Pa., or Bel Air, Md.

"A sidewalk counselor may be able to get a woman to leave [an abortion center]," Ward explained, "but that woman needs follow-up."

Not all women who consider abortion are from the inner-city; some come from out in the sticks. (Southern York County and northern Harford County have beautiful sticks and other natural sights.)

Besides seeing a need, Ward also believes that it's a church's *duty* to care for women and children, born and preborn.

She found ready partners in Pastor McClean and his wife, Susan. Jody's husband, Rick, is also a DPC ministry leader, and Jackie Busha mentors and serves as the ministry's secretary.

They all believe that an active pro-life ministry must be a normal part of a church's life. Ward said that churches should train their members in pro-life engagement, support local pregnancy resource centers, and provide an abortion-recovery program.

So far, DPC has seven women and two male mentors. And for an hour one Saturday each month, Ward holds a training session.

She is willing to bring her pro-life engagement training to any

church that asks.

Since opening, DPC, which is affiliated with Heartbeat International, has served just a few clients. The center gives free pregnancy tests and keeps some basic supplies on hand, but doesn't have the room to stockpile a large amount of resources.

If a client desires an ultrasound, DPC has an agreement with Human Life Services in York and will send (or drive) the woman there.

Ward said that they are look-

ing for a place in downtown Delta where they might relocate.

DPC's current tight quarters inside the pastor's office—with adjoining restroom—might not be ideal, but it's a good start.

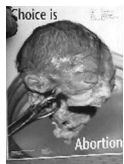
Explained Ward: "We don't want the perfect to be the enemy of the good."

For more information, see [del-tapregnancycenter.org](http://del-tapregnancycenter.org), find them on Facebook, or email [forlife@ccdeltapa.org](mailto:forlife@ccdeltapa.org).

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DEFEND LIFE applauds the strong statements made by **Bishop Joseph Strickland (Tyler, TX)**, **Bishop Richard Stika (Knoxville, TN)** and **Monsignor Charles Pope (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)** condemning the **heinous abortion** law recently passed in New York State and signed by self-proclaimed Catholic Governor Andrew Cuomo which will allow:

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DEFEND LIFE implores on all bishops, priests, and laity to join in this moral outrage by praying intensely, fasting, and taking appropriate action!





## In My Humble Opinion

# Why did Defend Life host Michael Voris's talk?

By Janet Baker

On January 11, Defend Life sponsored Michael Voris for its March for Life Kickoff Lecture in Bethesda, Md.

Voris' talk, titled "Get Behind Me Satan," addressed the various scandals within the Catholic Church in which many of our bishops are implicated.

Readers might recall that when the USCCB held its semi-annual meeting in Baltimore this past November, Defend Life was one of the participating organizations behind the Silence Stops Now Rally held while the USCCB meeting was in session.

I was unable to attend the January 11 talk, but watched it live via Facebook feed.

There were a number of comments, mostly from others who were watching it online.

One commenter remarked that he found it unusual that Michael Voris would be hosted by an organization whose primary focus is pro-life matters. I'm sure others have the same question, and it deserves a decent answer.

I'm suspecting that the commenter and others may be of the opinion that the scandals inside the Church should be a lower priority in our minds; we should hold protection of innocent life as paramount in our efforts.

The following Latin phrase might summarize what I'll write below it: *lex orandi, lex credenda, lex vivandi*. It can be translated thus: how we pray is how we believe, and

how we believe is how we'll live.

I've been in pro-life work for close to thirty years. Much of my earlier efforts were conducted within the context of the Catholic parish and/or other organizations directly under the authority of a parish or diocese.

For various efforts, I and my colleagues have sought the support of parishes and dioceses. At best,

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such support has been merely occasional and somewhat less than enthusiastic. On a number of occasions, we were actually discouraged from our efforts.

It didn't take too long for me to realize that if I was going to be active as opposed to spinning my wheels waiting for some church approval, then I would have to step outside the realm of ecclesial structures.

So I did. All the while I remained puzzled regarding the nonchalant attitude assumed by the hierarchy towards pro-life measures.

Many of us believed that the Church hierarchy simply didn't want to upset their political apple-carts, since they were constantly lobbying for governmental grants for this program or the other. While

that remains true to some extent, I've since learned that some of their reasons are a bit more sinister.

On the Defend Life website are videos of Voris' talk (in four parts). I advise all to watch for much needed background.

Voris goes into the deliberate infiltration of seminaries by atheists at the behest of Josef Stalin. Many of these infiltrators were and are homosexual.

Quite a few of these moved up in the ranks, becoming bishops and cardinals. They set about wreaking havoc on the liturgy, seminaries, etc., until we have a situation at hand where too many of our clergy, religious and prelates simply do not believe the Truths of our Faith.

So what does this have to do with the pro-life movement (getting back to that commenter's point)?

Simply this: The Roman Catholic Church holds the fullness of Faith. The deposit of Christ's teaching lies with her, as do the Sacraments. She is the prime channel of God's grace into this world. If that channel is compromised, grace is impeded.

This is not to say that Christ cannot work a miracle apart from the Church, but He did commission the Church to be the vehicle of eternal salvation.

There will always be sin in the Church's members, but rarely in her history has filth and corruption been so entrenched in her hierarchal structures.

We simply have got to spend much time and energy in fighting the rot that now infests the Church. If we don't, if we pretend that we

can ignore this problem, we will continue to be impeded in our efforts to save babies and civilization.

What I just said may be difficult to accept. Many pro-lifers are quite aware of the malfeasances of the bishops. However, some do remain uninformed and somehow believe that Baltimore’s *Catholic Review* and Washington’s *Catholic Standard* contain all the news that is relevant to the Church.

May I remind one and all that both these publications are the official newspapers of their respective dioceses? They will not print anything that is not the wish of the

respective chancery.

In other words, if you rely on these publications alone, you will be left ignorant on the true state of affairs in the Church.

I urge you to visit sites such as:

- ChurchMilitant.tv
- Lifesitenews.com
- LepantoInstitute.org
- Restore-DC-Catholicism.blogspot.com

These in turn will link you to other worthwhile news outlets.

We must be informed. We must pray. We must speak out. We must act. Action steps include (but are not limited to):

- Speaking with Father after Mass if there is doctrinal error in the homily
- Cessation of donations to arch-diocesan collections
- Informing your relatives/friends/etc., about the issues
- Protesting and picketing if a dissident is honored at a Catholic venue

The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said that it is up to the laity to save the Church. That means you and me.

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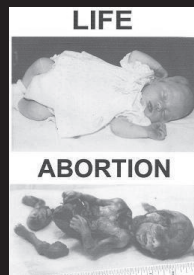
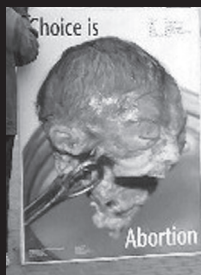
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### WASTE, from page 6

“Take action,” the Created Equal website urges: “Please call Curtis Bay CEO Jack Perko at 443.681.5403 and email him to ask him to stop burning aborted babies for energy.”

Created Equal launched Project Weak Link in 2016, seeking to pressure Stericycle, America’s largest waste hauler, to stop disposing of aborted babies for Planned Parenthood.

Since then, the pro-life group has urged other waste removal companies to stop servicing abortion clinics, with the goal of hampering their operations and helping to lead to their closing.

Created Equal reports that in 2018 Biomedical Waste Services, headquartered in Baltimore, under pressure from Project Weak Link, apparently stopped servicing Leroy Carhart’s late-term abortion facility in Bethesda, Md.

# Good priests gone bad: A report from the pro-life front lines

By Rosie Gross

We've all heard the phrase, "Good Girls Gone Bad" used in movies, books and TV.

In a parody of this concept, I've entitled this report, "Good Priests Gone Bad!"

It consists of a number of true "horror stories" taken from the annals of a pro-life organization (that shall remain nameless) whose main objective is getting elected to public office men and women who will defend the right to life of the unborn.

Wisdom and good judgment dictates the use of fictionalized names and places.

The setting of these horror stories is the 2018 General Election. In anticipation of the election, volunteers distributed pro-life voter guides to potential voters to inform them of candidates who are pro-life and urge them to vote for them.

Voter guides were distributed by means of car-tags in church parking lots, or by person-to-person hand-outs on public sidewalks in front of city churches.

This work is done purely for love of God, his precious unborn, and for love of one's country. Volunteers get no praise or glory for doing this; in fact, they receive quite the opposite.

## Horror Story No. 1

Father Kandie, pastor of St. Jujubee Church, is a very popular and charismatic priest, beloved by his parishioners.

Pro-lifers, in trying to distribute voter guides to his parishioners, had to stand on a small, lightly traveled road leading to the church, with

signs begging people to stop at the stop sign and take a voter guide.

Father Kandie had previously threatened to call the police and have them arrested if they dared to step foot on his church property to distribute the guides.

After the police came in answer to several complaints, the pro-lifers were forced to get off the road and stand on the pavement, down a short way from the stop sign.

Now, those people who were

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willing to stop at the stop sign and take a voter guide had to roll down their *passenger-side* window, as opposed to their driver-side window.

In a parish where 750 voter guides could have been distributed if car-tagging in the church parking lot had been done, only 70 were given out, doing it the "all-odds-stacked-against-you" way.

To add insult to injury, many of the cars coming out of St. Jujubee sported pro-abortion candidate bumper stickers.

Father Kandie's main objection to the voter guides was their labeling of some candidates "pro-abortion." According to him, this label is very insulting and divisive; the more loving, nicer term would have been "pro-choice."

## Horror Story No. 2

Father Flowers, pastor of St. Hollyhock Church, is a good priest, carries out his priestly duties in an exemplary manner, runs a parish school, and is well-liked by his parishioners.

As St. Hollyhock is a city church located on a public street, there was never any need to set foot on his church property.

This year, as in past years, pro-lifers stood on the public sidewalk and distributed voters' guides person-to-person as they entered the church.

At the final Sunday Mass, when Father Flowers came to realize what was being done on the sidewalk outside his church, he approached the pro-lifers and said, "You did not ask my permission to do what you are doing."

One of them replied, "Father, we're standing on a public sidewalk. We're not on church property."

Father countered, "People are mistakenly going to think you people represent the church."

It had never occurred to the pro-lifers to ask for permission to exercise their First Amendment right of free speech on a public sidewalk.

As for people thinking they were representatives of the church, what better representatives could the church possibly have than pro-lifers serving the Lord by defending the right to life of the unborn?

At his last Mass, Father Flowers openly condemned the pro-lifers out on the sidewalk during his homily.

Unfortunately, one of the voter-guide distributors was a sensitive 13-year-old girl who, in school the next day, was taunted and derided for her actions by some of her class-



mates and told how angry Father Flowers was with her.

### Horror Story No. 3

Father Carr of Holy Transmission Church had a “conniption” upon learning that the cars in his church parking lot had been tagged with pro-life voter guides.

He excoriated the wrongdoers at Mass as part of his homily.

Father Carr demanded an accounting from those responsible. He asked his parishioners to give him the name of anyone they thought might be—even remotely—behind this terrible sin committed against God and the Church. He wanted to have a good, redemptive talk with that person.

Father Carr is a very devout priest, known for his beautiful sermons, some of which are definitely pro-life.

### Horror Story No. 4

Father Woods of St. Forest Church was all set to insert in one of his Sunday bulletins a non-partisan “Comparison of the Republican and

Democrat Platforms,” produced by Father Pavone of Priests for Life.

At the last minute, Father renege—no doubt, from fear of repercussion from some of his congregants.

Let it be understood that Father Woods is a very pious and devout priest, beloved by his parishioners;

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but like the lion in the Wizard of Oz, he lacked courage.

In addition, Father Woods asked the person responsible for distributing voter guides in his parish to refrain from doing so in the future.

It seems the good father had consulted the “powers-that-be” in the bishop’s office and was told that he should not allow political activ-

ity of any kind on his church property and that he needed, at all costs, to protect the church’s tax-exempt status.

For the “powers-that-be” in the bishop’s office, it seems money is more important than saving the lives of the unborn.

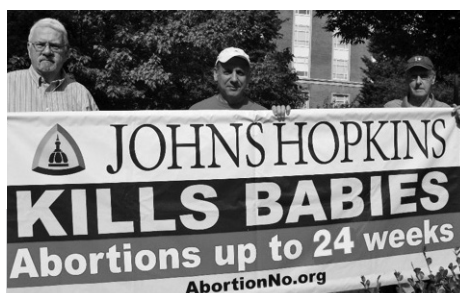
Why do priests—otherwise good, seemingly pious priests who unequivocally profess their pro-life sentiments—behave so badly toward pro-life members of the laity trying to serve Jesus by saving His precious unborn babies?

Instead of leading them as “shepherds of the flock,” they scold them, insult them, criticize them, and openly “vilify” them from the altar at Mass. In short, they persecute them.

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

*Matthew 5: 10-12*



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**AMBULANCE, page 5**

The woman who made the call to 911 spoke extremely softly, rendering unintelligible much of what she told the dispatcher.

However, in her initial response, she told the dispatcher, “I’m at Planned Parenthood, I’m having an anxiety attack, I just need an ambulance.”

Asked for the address, the woman replied that she didn’t know. The dispatcher asked if she could ask someone. After a pause, the woman gave the address.

In the ensuing exchange, the caller said she was having a “major” anxiety attack, and that “I can’t drive.”

Sounds of heavy breathing were apparent. The dispatcher told her, “Just take deep breaths for me, okay?” The caller replied, “I know, I know.”

She explained that she had medication, but it was out in her car, and she couldn’t walk to the car.

“Is there anybody who can help you there now?” asked the dispatcher.

“No,” the woman replied.

Much of the subsequent conversation was redacted.

The dispatcher assured the caller that an ambulance was on the way, and that she would stay with her on the line until it arrived.

“I have help on the way, and I can assist you in any way that you need. You’re doing a good job—just keep breathing!” she urged.

The CAD transcript confirmed that the ambulance remained on the scene for over an hour.

The three pro-lifers included a prayer for the woman in the ambulance as part of their parting prayers, said Roswell.

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Dispatch:	12/07/2018 11:47:00	FD01	3146
Enroute:	12/07/2018 11:47:08	EMS023	A23
Onscene:	12/07/2018 11:51:07	EMS023	A23
Closed:	12/07/2018 13:07:23	NP0001	NP1

ICUnit: PrimeUnit:A23 Dispo:RS Type:[REDACTED]  
 Agency:BF DAREA:EMS(FIR1) Station:S23 GZONE:23-12  
 Case #:BF180183430 Detail

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11:43:08est CREATE T890/CT09 Location:330 N HOWARD ST, BAL Type:[REDACTED] Loc+:PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
 Name:[REDACTED] Phone:[REDACTED] DAREA:FIR1 Area:23-12  
 TypeDesc:[REDACTED] LocDesc:btwn W SARATOGA ST and W MULBERRY ST Priority:1  
 Response:BLS Agency:BF LocType:S ContrP?:Y

11:44:44 PROQA Case#:398976 Classify:Service: M Comment:[REDACTED]  
 Caller Statement:[REDACTED]

11:45:14 PROQA Case#:398976 Classify:[REDACTED] Service: M Comment:CAD Response: Alpha  
 Dispatch Code:[REDACTED]

11:43:08 -TEMPNO Number:F\$CADAPP250 Series:F  
 11:45:58 ENTRY DAREA:FIR1->EMS Comment:Medical ProQA recommends dispatch at this time

11:45:58 ALI E911PPhone:[REDACTED] E911Pilot:410/511-6042 E911Subs:T-MOBILE USA  
 E911Srce:WRLS Tower:403 W FRANKLIN STREET - SE SECTOR BALT AliLong:-76.621409 AliLatitude:39.294442  
 Comment:PPR  
 Number:F\$CADAPP250->F183410253  
 Comment:BOC HYI

11:45:58 -PREMIS Unit:A23 Comment:Standard  
 11:45:59 -PERMNO Unit:A23 Comment:Routing  
 11:46:00 -FPREM Comment:CALLER IS ADVISING [REDACTED] ---  
 11:46:10 SELECT 3146/FD01 A23 SEQorDID:A23 3491 3492 OperNames:AMBO 23; MATTHEW SCHAEFFER;  
 11:46:10 -SGGEST JOSHUA WILLENBURG  
 11:46:13 -SGGEST A23  
 11:46:31 INFO T890/CT09 A23 Case#:BF180183430  
 11:47:00 DISP 3146/FD01 NP1 UnitID:A23 Location:330 N HOWARD ST, BAL SEQorDID:NP1 3040  
 OperNames:NURSE PRACTITIONER 1; KENNETH C. SANNER JR.

11:47:00 -PRIU  
 11:47:00 -CASE  
 11:47:08 \*ENRTE A23/EMS023  
 11:47:57 BACKUP 3356/FD07 NP1 Comment:CALLER STATES [REDACTED]

11:48:05 \*ENRTE NP1/NP0001  
 11:49:22 INFO T890/CT09

11:51:07 \*ONSCN A23/EMS023 A23  
 11:52:28 \*ONSCN NP1/NP0001 NP1  
 11:54:18 INFO T890/CT09 TypeDesc:[REDACTED] Priority:1 Comment:MEDICAL PROQA PROCESSING COMPLETE  
 11:54:19 NOMORE

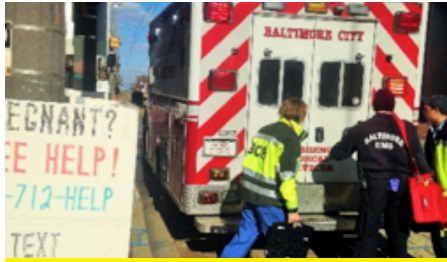
12:23:46 MISCN 3356/FD07 A23 Comment:STILL OS  
 13:03:40 CHANGE 3146/FD01 A23 Dispo:RS  
 13:03:43 \*AOR A23/EMS023 A23  
 13:03:43 \*CLEAR A23  
 13:07:23 \*AOR NP1/NP0001 NP1  
 13:07:23 \*CLEAR NP1  
 13:07:23 -CLOSE

**The Computer Aided Dispatch transcript (above) confirms that the ambulance called to Planned Parenthood remained on the scene for over an hour.**

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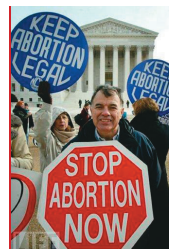
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