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American Library Association pushes shady sex agenda for kids

“Do you work for a library in a small, rural, conservative community? Do you wish you could do more to make your library inclusive to the LGBTQIA+ community, but meet with resistance?”

Tess Goldwasser, a children’s librarian for St. Mary’s County (Md.) Public Library, recently posed this question on the American Library Association’s website.

Goldwasser followed with some “Tips and tricks to being a secret librarian advocate operative.” Here are some of her suggestions:

“Sneakily fit stuff into current programs. So you’re not doing Drag Queen Storytime (yet), but you’re probably doing Regular Old Storytime, right? Try to ‘sneak’ inclusive messages into your current programs. For instance, if you’re reading a book about a Mama bear and a Papa bear, maybe when you read it, you just change it to be about two Papa bears!

“Invite LGBT community partners....If your library has meeting space, reach out to groups like your local PFLAG chapter, or local schools’ LGBT student groups, and let them know that they can hold meetings and host programs at your library.”

Goldwasser also urged fellow librarians to request their library’s acquisitions specialist to buy LGBT

books, movies and music, and to “firmly defend LGBT items in your collection” (ala.org/advocacy/intersections-glb-book-month-dispatch-small-town-librarian).

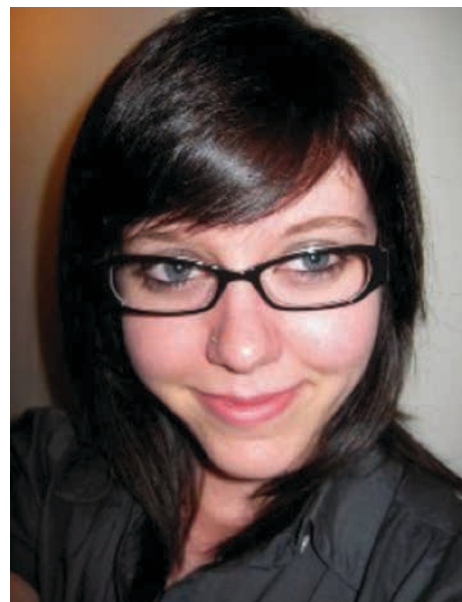


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St. Mary’s County librarian Tess Goldwasser urges children’s librarians to “sneakily fit” LGBT “stuff” into kids’ story times.

‘Moms, dads are the enemy’

Tess Goldwasser is not an outlier at the American Library Association.

On the contrary, the ALA has been aggressively and systematically implementing pro-gay initiatives

for children, and programs aimed at sexualizing children, for decades.

The U.S.-based American Library Association, a nonprofit organization founded in 1876 to promote and improve libraries, has a membership of over 60,000, a \$55 million budget and a staff of approximately 300.

As the largest, and probably the most influential library association in the world, ALA uses its considerable clout to influence children’s sexuality through a number of programs, often with questionable tactics.

ALA’s Banned Books Week, for example, was founded in 1982 by former ALA President Judith Krug ostensibly to highlight the need to fight book censorship and uphold the First Amendment’s freedom of the press.

Critics have pointed out, however, that almost all of the so-called “banned” books were not actually banned, but merely “challenged.”

“A ‘banned book,’ it turns out, doesn’t mean a book that has been banned,” writes Jeff Jacoby in the *Boston Globe*.

“It means a book about which somebody, usually a parent, has raised an objection—typically that it is too violent or sexually explicit or that it is not age-appropriate.”

Even the ALA acknowledges



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Drag Queen Annie Christ reads a children's book to a rapt audience at Lansdale Public Library in Pennsylvania.



that the complaints usually go nowhere and the books stay where they are, says Jacoby.

"In short, the fanatics and book-burners against whom Banned Books Week is meant to keep us vigilant are mostly parents who raise questions about their kids' reading material.

"In the world according to the American Library Association, moms and dads are the enemy," he concludes.

Homeschooling mom Georgia Kijesky was horrified by a display at a St. Mary's County library for their Banned Books Week in September 2017.

Lined along a bookshelf near the teen book section were books covered with brown bags labeled "DO NOT READ THIS: Lift to see the banned book, you rebel, you."

Underneath one bag was a book aimed at girls, filled with salacious descriptions of various sex acts.

"The enticement to promiscuity is what the library is pushing," charged another St. Mary's County mom: "Our library is preying on kids" ("Library's 'banned books' display angers St. Mary's residents,"

Defend Life, Nov.-Dec. 2017).

Rainbow Storytime for kids

In June 2015, the ALA launched GLBT Book Month, describing it as "a nationwide celebration of the authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community."

The ALA holds GLBT Book Month in June to coincide with gay pride parades held across the country that month. It provides tip sheets, posters and other downloadable materials to help libraries sponsor "Rainbow Storytimes" for children.

Four Anne Arundel County, Md., libraries held Rainbow Storytimes in 2018, including Odenton Library, where author Gayle Pitman read from her book, "This Day in June," about gay pride parades.

Pitman also led the children, from toddlers to age 5, in songs about "different families" and in a mini-gay pride parade around the room.

Drag Queens read to children

A Drag Queen Storytime, in which a drag queen reads GLBT-themed stories to children at public libraries, can occur during any month.

Glen Burnie Regional Public Library hosted Maryland's first Drag Queen Storytime on August 18.

On February 2, drag queen Annie Christ held a story hour at Lansdale Public Library in Pennsylvania, the fourth such story hour for kids held in the state that month.

Protesters outside the library charged that the drag queen's stage name, which sounds like "anti-Christ," clearly attacks Christianity.

Drag Queen Storytimes have been held at numerous public libraries across the United States and Canada.

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the ALA, has enthusiastically promoted them.

"Interested in bringing Drag Queen Storytime to your library?" asks the ALSC on its blog.

At the ALA's Annual Conference in June 2018, the blog reports,

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Is the Catholic Library Association really Catholic?

Recent awards, ALA membership raise doubts of authenticity

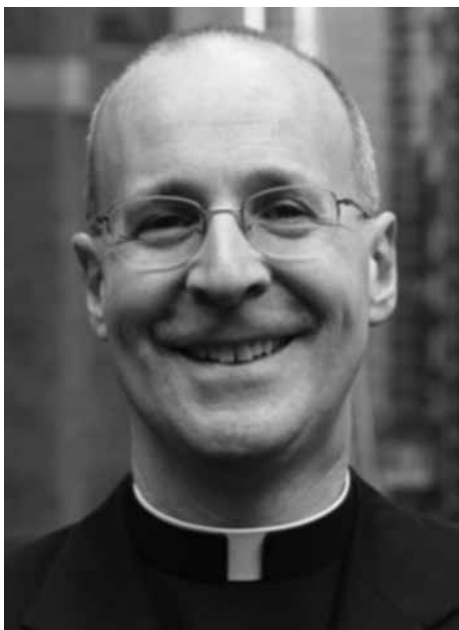
Caution: Portions of this article contain language that may be offensive to some readers. Parental discretion is advised.

“Sybil Davison has a genius I.Q. and has been laid by at least six different guys.”

So begins the Young Adult novel, *Forever*, by best-selling children’s author Judy Blume.

Katherine, a 17-year-old high school senior, lives in an upscale town in New Jersey, where her peers go on to top universities and many of her classmates have already had sex.

But Katherine is picky—and still a virgin—until she meets high school senior Michael. It’s love at first sight for both, and soon, it’s no holds barred. Blume describes the couple’s ensuing lovemaking in minute, excruciating, and conscience-free detail.



Fr. James Martin, S.J. received Catholic Library Association’s Aggiornamento Award in 2018.

Katherine’s hip mom tells her, “It’s up to you to decide what’s right and what’s wrong.”

At the urging of her politically active, also very hip grandma, she goes to Planned Parenthood, where she gets a thorough medical exam and a prescription for the Pill.

Katherine and Michael excitedly pledge their love “forever”—until, teaching tennis at a summer camp after high school graduation, Katherine meets handsome head tennis counselor Theo—and is sexually attracted to him.

After a few minor qualms, she breaks up with Michael.

CLA gives Blume award

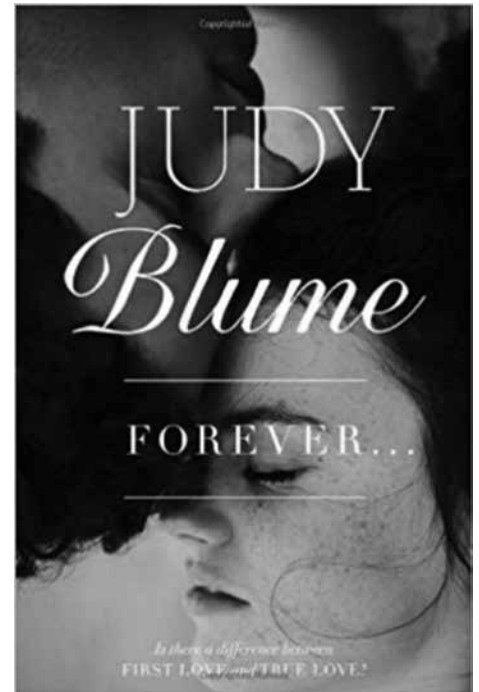
The “Young Adult” category in publishing is aimed at ages 12-plus. YA protagonists are typically between 14-19 years old, that is, a few years older than the target pre- and early-teen audience, whose members are eager to learn about what’s ahead as they grow older.

The reader of *Forever* learns:

- Encyclopedic, titillating details of a first sexual affair
- That premarital sex is fine and perfectly normal
- That going to Planned Parenthood for birth control to prevent unwanted pregnancy and STDs is a smart move
- And that it’s perfectly normal to have serial sexual partners.

Since publishing her first novel in 1969, Judy Blume has sold 82 million books and won over 90 literary awards.

One of those awards was from



The Catholic Library Association awarded its Regina Medal in 2015 to author Judy Blume.

the Catholic Library Association.

In 2015 Blume received CLA’s Regina Medal, given annually “for continued, distinguished contribution in children’s literature without regard to the nature of the contribution” (cathla.org/Main/Awards/Regina_Medal).

The award was given despite the fact that Blume’s *Forever* (and some of her other YA novels) condone and advocate behaviors that clearly violate Catholic moral teaching.

“Guidance in ethical issues”

The Catholic Library Association (CLA) began in 1921, under the leadership of Rev. Paul J. Foik CSC, of Notre Dame University, as the library section of the National

Catholic Education Association. It became an independent organization in 1929.

According to its website, CLA provides its members “professional development through educational and networking experiences, publications, scholarships, and other services.”

It also “provides a source of inspirational support and guidance in ethical issues related to librarianship ...” (cathla.org/Main/About/About_Us).

Since 1980, CLA has also presented the annual Aggiornamento Award “in recognition of an outstanding contribution for the renewal of parish and community life in the spirit of St. John XXIII,” its website states.

The term “aggiornamento,” meaning “a bringing up to date,” was used during the Second Vatican Council to mean a spirit of change and open-mindedness.

The Aggiornamento Award Recipient for 2018 was Fr. James Martin.

Father Martin, a Jesuit priest, author and editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine *America*, is well-known for his controversial positions concerning homosexuality and Catholic teaching on the subject.

At a symposium at Fordham University in 2017, for example, Martin described same-sex “marriage” as a “loving act” and says the Church must “reverence” it.

He also derided Catholics who submit to Church teaching on homosexuality, calling them “homophobic” and “close-minded.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states on homosexuality: “Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual

acts are intrinsically disordered.’

“They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life....Under no circumstances can they be approved” (2357).

Joins ALA in 2007

“If there were any need for a contrasting bulwark against the American Library Association, one would hope that the Catholic



The Official Publication of the Catholic Library Association



Catholic Library World is published by the Catholic Library Association.

Library Association might be the answer,” says Georgia Kijesky, a leader of community opposition to pro-gay and other sex-related initiatives for children in St. Mary’s County, Md., libraries.

“Unfortunately, not only does the CLA fail to do so, it has joined forces with ALA,” notes Kijesky.

“Why would the Catholic Library Association want to be an associate to the ALA, which pushes perversion on children and steals their innocence?” she asks.

In 2007 the Catholic Library Association became an affiliate of

the American Library Association.

To do so, it had to submit an application. ALA’s affiliation guidelines state that affiliates “should have interests consistent with those of the American Library Association” (ala.org/aboutala/affiliates).

The ALA has a long history of aggressively pushing the LGBT agenda, especially for children, and for promoting free access to children of sexually explicit books and other materials (see “American Library Association pushes sexual agenda for kids,” page 1).

“As a library association, it is beneficial to be an affiliate of and have member pricing and access to the benefits that ALA offers,” explained Madi Petty, association coordinator for CLA, in a March 19 email to *Defend Life*.

According to its website, the CLA “promotes Catholic and ecumenical literature,” and “provides guidance in the selection and use of materials pertinent to Catholicism and professional librarianship” (cathla.org/Main/About/About_Us.aspx).

The CLA offers such “guidance” though its quarterly journal, *Catholic Library World*, which features over 100 book and media reviews in each issue in the categories of Theology/Spirituality, Pastoral, Professional, Children, and Young Adults.

Many of its reviews recommend books clearly in line with Catholic religious and moral teaching.

Others are head-scratchers. For example, *Creation in Crisis: Science, Ethics, Theology*, by Joshtrom Kureethadam, appears to be a handbook for promoting the “politically correct” agenda on climate change, species extinction, pollution, eco-

Siobhan O'Connor was reluctant but gutsy whistleblower

“There’s something so powerful and haunting about hearing grown men sobbing.”

Siobahn O'Connor, executive assistant to Bishop Richard Malone, had taken phone calls from men, usually between 52 and 64 years old, alleging that they had been sexually abused when they were young by priests in the Archdiocese of Buffalo.

“They spoke in such raw tones, crying and sobbing,” O'Connor told listeners at her Defend Life-sponsored talk at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City April 12.

On March 1, 2018 the Diocese had announced a hotline for victims to report sexual abuse and receive help.

“Unfortunately, the hotline rang to an abandoned office, so the calls had to be forwarded to another office, causing a delay,” O'Connor explained.

“At one point, the woman handling the calls was 90 calls behind—so I started receiving them at the chancery. I was extremely impacted by their testimony.”

O'Connor, born and raised in Buffalo, had been homeschooled by devout Catholic parents dedicated to the pro-life movement.

“They brought me to pro-life demonstrations as a child,” she recalled. “In 1978, my dad ran for Congress with a wonderful pro-life platform!”

Siobahn received a degree in history from Christendom College, and was executive assistant for the president of the college for three years.

After three years as a Dominican Sister of Nashville and earning a master's degree in childhood educa-



Siobahn O'Connor was moved by anguished phone calls from victims of priestly sexual abuse to become a whistleblower in the Diocese of Buffalo.

tion, in 2015 she began working for Buffalo's Bishop Malone.

“I was very grateful for the job,” said O'Connor. “I was really in humble, happy service to him; I had great respect for him.

“I thought, this is what God wanted, that I would devote my life to serving the bishops of our diocese.”

In January 2018, Siobahn received the annual Pro-Vita Award from the diocese's pro-life office.

It was presented to her by Bishop Malone.

Two months later, on March 1, the Bishop held a press conference, announcing a reconciliation and compensation program for victims of clerical sexual abuse.

“At the time, I knew there were victims of sexual abuse by priests in our diocese, but I didn't really have a sense of the scope and volume of it,” said O'Connor.

Malone's press conference, however, got upstaged by a press

conference two days earlier, on February 26, by Michael Whalen, who alleged that he had been abused when he was 14 years old by Buffalo priest Norbert Orsolitis.

“This was a watershed moment, because no victim in the diocese had openly come forward before—it really created an intense environment,” said O'Connor

That night, a reporter went to Father Orsolitis' home. The priest admitted he had abused dozens of boys. He didn't remember Whalen specifically, but said Whalen could have been one of them.

The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, which Malone introduced at his press conference, stipulated that:

1. A victim had to have previously filed a sexual abuse claim to the diocese.
2. A claimant must be a minor—defined as 17 and younger (“It had been 18 in the USCCB's Dallas Charter for the Protec-

tion of Children and Young People,” O’Connor noted. “It bothered me that they had lowered the number”).

3. Anyone who accepted this program could no longer sue the diocese.

“They created the criteria so they could say that no priest that was *actively* ministering was accused of being an abuser,” said O’Connor.

At the end of March, Bishop Malone held a second press conference.

Charlie Specht, an investigative reporter for WKBW-TV News in Buffalo, told the Bishop that he had been hearing from “victims” that they were kept waiting for a response from the diocese because of a backlog.

“The Bishop said, ‘Oh yes, I just heard about the backlog!’ That wasn’t true—I had told him at the *beginning* of March! He had heard me taking calls,” said O’Connor.

Upset by the discrepancy, she

sent an anonymous email to Specht, corroborating that the calls on the hotline were not being handled properly.

“There was a real demand for a list of names of those being accused,” she recalled. “I hoped that releasing them would be a turning point for the diocese.”

But the diocese released a list of only 42 names.

“I knew immediately that there were names missing. The *Buffalo News* figured there were at least 59. I knew there were at least 117 names.”

By June, well aware that abuse cases were not being handled properly, “I was experiencing immense psychological strain and stress,” said O’Connor.

“I had a panic attack, and I was having crying fits. I felt that I was going to lose my mind or lose my faith.

“I told the Bishop I was really frustrated. He told me, ‘If it’s be-

coming too much for you, perhaps it’s time for you to move on.”

One particular case finally made her decide to act.

“Fr. Bob Yetter was preying on young men aged 18-25 who came to him for counseling and support,” she explained. “He would ply them with alcohol and attempt to sexually assault them. He succeeded in some cases.”

In the spring of 2018, one of these victims met with Bishop Malone.

“The Bishop told him, ‘Don’t worry, Father Bob is going to retire this year.’ I thought, this can’t happen!”

Reporter Specht questioned the Bishop about Yetter, and Malone finally sent the priest to a treatment center in Toronto.

But his handling of Yetter “finally made me realize that the only positive steps came from pressure by the media or law enforcement,” O’Connor concluded.

On August 10 she left the chancery and started working at another job.

Two days later, she met with Specht in a parking lot and gave him memos, personnel files and other documentation on Father Yetter and another priest who had credible allegations against him.

Specht’s story, “Fall from Grace,” aired on WKBW-TV on August 22.

“I can’t express the weight that lifted off me,” said O’Connor.

The reaction from the public was immediate. People called on Bishop Malone to resign, including legislators, politicians, and Deacon Paul Snyder, deacon to Father Yetter.

The following Sunday, Malone held yet another press conference.

“I hoped he would come forward, be humble and contrite and

**Archbishop
Richard
Malone
presents the
annual
Pro-Vita
Award from
the Buffalo
Diocese’s
pro-life office
to Siobahn
O’Connor in
January
2018.**



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In My Humble Opinion

Mark Shriver and the Mount rebuked via picket

By Janet Baker

On April 13 I learned that Mark Shriver was slated to give the commencement address at the graduation ceremonies for Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

Montgomery County citizens will recall that during Shriver's tenure in Maryland's House of Representatives, he received a 100% rating from NARAL for his pro-abortion votes. When he ran for U.S. Congress (losing to Chris Van Hollen in the primaries), he ran on a pro-abortion platform.

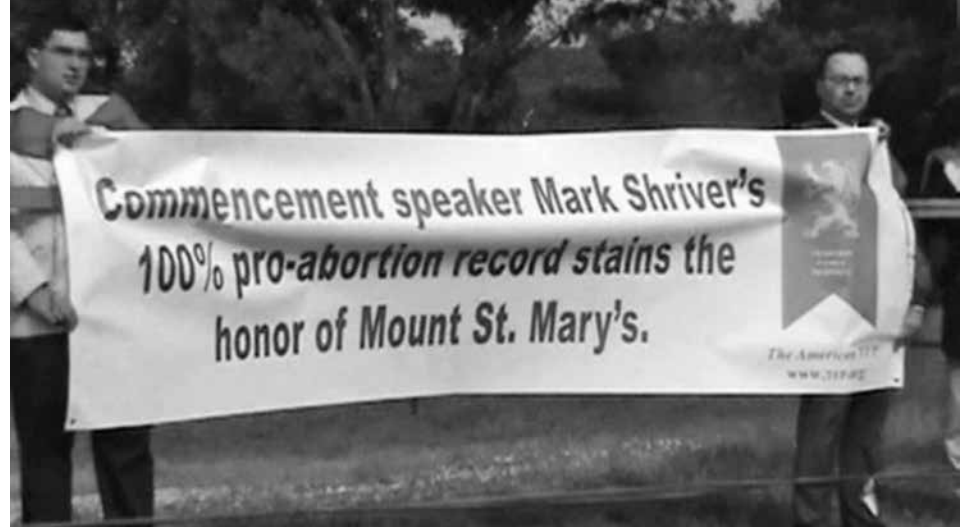
Immediately, calls to action went out. We called Dr. Timothy Trainer, the Mount's president, to ask him to rescind the invitation to Shriver and to obtain a speaker that honors the Church teachings.

We also pointed out that this invitation to Shriver was an act of disobedience to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's statement "Catholics in Political Life."

The relevant section in that directive states: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions *should not honor* those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions" (Emphasis added).

No honest person can gainsay that an invitation to be a commencement speaker is both an honor and a platform that at least suggests that Shriver's support of baby-murder isn't a mortal sin.

Trainer et al. were reminded of that fact. That they persisted in al-



TFP Student Action members protest Mark Shriver's selection as commencement speaker at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg.

lowing Shriver to speak means that their disobedience to the USCCB directive was quite deliberate.

When it became clear that Shriver would speak anyway, several faithful Catholics knew they had to act and not let this debacle go unrebuked.

On the morning of May 11, I joined in a protest with eight young men from a Pennsylvania chapter of the TFP Student Action, outside the Knott Arena at the Mount.

The leader of that TFP chapter had met with campus police beforehand, and they agreed that we'd be in a cordoned-off section that was quite close to the door of Knott Arena. However, when the time came, we were shoved back to another area very much further from the door.

We were told by the campus police officer who guided us to the location that the officials were "afraid we might slip and fall because the previous evening's rain had dampened the grass."

Well, bless their hearts! Wasn't that just so, so—*thoughtful* of them? That yarn was so hokey that the police officer seemed embarrassed to say it.

The Mount officials really must have been afraid that we might (gasp!) *talk* with some of the people. Such a horrifying prospect that must have been to them!

While our opportunities for conversation were somewhat curtailed, we still made our point.

The gentlemen from TFP have done similar protests. One of their trademarks is bagpipes. It's rather difficult to ignore bagpipes.

Oh yes, some attendees just breezed on by us, but they knew we were there, and the signs we held were quite prominent.

We did have some opportunity for conversation. One irate father didn't want to acknowledge that a pro-abort would be spouting "sweet

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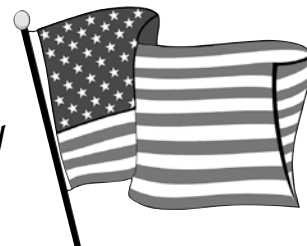
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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



Believe it or not, it's time for our **19th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour, July 29 - August 2**. Once again, we plan three major stops, five days in a row, exposing the ugly hidden face of abortion. In addition to Maryland, we plan to visit West Virginia and Washington, D.C. where we will go to the **White House**. Visit DefendLife.org for the **15** locations and times. Addresses will be posted later.

We refused to back down on **August 1, 2008** when **18** of us were illegally arrested by the Maryland State Police. It was like Nazi Germany! We were proved right by a **\$385,000** settlement with the Maryland State Police, who had violated our First and Fourth Amendment rights. **But, none of this would have ever been possible without faithful and ever generous supporters like YOU!**

Why We Continue to Do Face the Truth Tours After All These Years

Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life says it best when he states that **Until Americans see Abortion, Americans will not reject Abortion!** It's that simple! Our victim images cut through the media and academia blackout of Abortion. **Only in America** do we have the **First Amendment** right to show pictures of our aborted brothers and sisters. The **Pro-Aborts** would love to have taken that right away from us, but we **will fight** them to our death just as we did back in 2008!



I urge you to **save these JULY 29 - AUGUST 2 dates** and to actively participate in as many stops as possible. We also need several more Core Team members. Core Team members go with us 5 days to all 15 stops, 3 each day. Each day we have **Holy Mass**, a great luncheon speaker, and wonderful camaraderie.

Who can be a CORE TEAM member? Anyone who is passionately **PRO-LIFE**, can hold a sign, and will be at least age 15 by this September. Those younger than 15 can still come if they **stay glued** to an older sibling or a parent. As of this writing, we have **14** signed up. We need at least **11** more. To sign up for our **CORE TEAM**, please see ad on page 15. We especially need overnight housing for our CORE TEAM members. See ad on page 16. We furnish everything including meals and overnight housing. We also **need several adult drivers**.

Finally, we also urgently need your generous financial support. **We need to raise \$16,000 just as we did last year**. Believe it or not, there are substantial expenses including air fare for some speakers, **\$2,000** for our beautiful **PRO-LIFE** T-shirts, **\$1,600** for bus rentals, **\$2,000** for radio ads on **Rush Limbaugh's** local affiliates, fuel for our vehicles, stipends for our Directors and Recruiters, and lots of other expenses. The good news is that several generous donors once again have promised to match your donations **\$ for \$ up to a total of \$8,000**. To qualify for this matching grant, please send your donation **TODAY!** It must be dated **no later**

\$ for \$

than August 5. So please give, give generously and urge others to give. **Remember, our Great and Gracious God is never outdone in generosity!** Please use the enclosed envelope, or you can donate online at **DefendLife.org**. All donations are **100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** **Thanks for your generosity!**

HOW SEVERAL GODLY WOMEN SAVED US FROM PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

My friend **Katherine Adelaide** began her political career in 2017 by running as an openly **PRO-LIFE** candidate in the Taneytown City Council election. Adelaide's opponents said **PRO-LIFE** was not relevant to a local city election, to which Adelaide said that **PRO-LIFE** is always relevant in **every** election. She and her **PRO-LIFE** running mate, **Rhonda Kristlings** lost that election. Not discouraged, Adelaide ran for Republican Carroll County Central Committee, again as an openly **PRO-LIFE** candidate. Her goal was to make **PRO-LIFE** issues a top priority in the Maryland Republican Party. She was infuriated when a proposed Constitutional Amendment was introduced by the **late Speaker Michael Busch**. It was drafted so broadly you could drive a truck through it and it could have led to legalized infanticide.



She was also inspired when **Michael Peroutka**, sitting Chair of the Anne Arundel County Council, introduced a nonbinding resolution declaring the humanity of the preborn. Though it was defeated, it became the model for future resolutions. The first was the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW). Katherine rapidly scrawled the resolution on a paper napkin and it passed overwhelmingly. Katherine was now on a roll! Based on the success of the MFRW Resolution, she next introduced that same resolution to the Carroll County Republican Central Committee to which she had been recently elected. This also passed overwhelmingly.

Katherine also introduced and passed specific resolutions against Physician Assisted Suicide (**PAS**) and Abortion Funding for both the MFRW and the Central Committee. **PAS** is already the law in California, Washington, Oregon, Montana Colorado, Vermont, Hawaii and DC. She thinks of the proponents of **PAS** like a horde of locusts, sweeping from the West Coast to the East Coast. Katherine personally testified and coordinated an extensive grassroots response with many **PRO-LIFE** groups and individuals, including **Laura Jones** from the **Dignity Mandate** and **Laura Bogley**, Legislative Assistant for Maryland Right to Life, who also worked feverishly. Adelaide and Laura Jones were so overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the evil they were fighting, that both learned that the other curled up in a fetal position after a long hard day's work to recuperate.



Sue Priest, a longtime **PRO-LIFE** activist who goes back to the **RESCUE** days resides in Baltimore City. She targeted Baltimore's **6** State Senators, all of whom were in favor of **PAS**. But one had good Christian roots, Senator Antonio Hayes. Sue built a relationship with him and he was one of the **23** State Senators who voted against **PAS**.

The final Senate vote on **PAS** was **23** to **23**, a tie with one abstention, meaning the bill had failed to pass and that **WE HAD WON!** It was a huge miracle which made national news because it had been overwhelmingly predicted that **PAS** would pass in Maryland. **What are the lessons to be learned from this miraculous victory? The Power of Prayer - Every Vote Counts - The Proponents of PAS will be back.**

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

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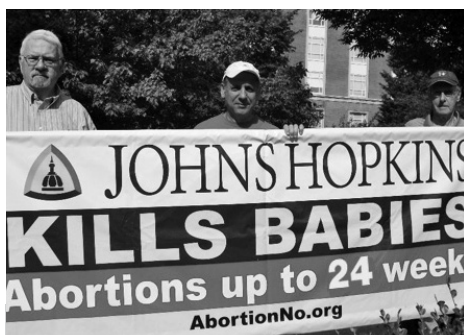
“ALSC Committee Members received tips for optimizing success from library pioneers who have already done it.

“We also had a chance to meet a Drag Queen who talked about the value of offering this program, including fostering empathy, tolerance, creativity, imagination and fun” (alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/07/wish-you-were-here-ala-annual).

Banned Book Week displays, Rainbow Storytimes and Drag Queen Storytimes are not isolated events occurring spontaneously in libraries across the country. In addition to ALSC, other ALA offices plan, engineer and facilitate their success.

ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom provides Banned Books Week display ideas and materials, produces yearly lists of the Top Ten Most Challenged Books, and encourages the reporting of “censored” books to ALA.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and



**Join us every
3rd Wednesday
9 – 10:30 am
HOPKINS BAYVIEW**

4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore 21224

Contact Jim Bocklage 443-615-3424
for exact location and parking information

Transgender Round Table (GLB-TRT), founded in 1970 as ALA’s Task Force on Gay Liberation, was the nation’s first GLBT professional organization.

GLBTRT’s Rainbow Book List committee compiles an annual bibliography of “appealing” books on LGBTQIA+ topics that are recommended for young readers from birth through age 18.

The American Library Association is not a disinterested, morally neutral advocate for literacy and widespread public access to books and other informational materials.

On the contrary, it has a specific agenda opposed to Christian concepts of morality in regard to sex, marriage and the family, and has no qualms about proselytizing that agenda on children.

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waste, and sustainable development.

Yet reviewer Idara Otu describes it as “suitable for seminary, theological, and academic libraries” (*Catholic Library World*, Vol. 85, No. 4).

Two Young Adult-related reviews in the same CLA issue indicate the influence of the American Library Association’s ethical standards on the CLA.

Transforming Young Adult Services is edited by Anthony Bernier, who served a four-year term on ALA’s Committee on Accreditation.

The Whole Library Handbook: Teen Services, published by the American Library Association, which assures that its positions on issues such as GLBTQ and “intellectual freedom” are also in line with ALA’s.

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sincere with us,” recalled O’Connor. “But he was joking, acting like it was just a PR exercise.”

By the end of the conference, watching it on TV, Siobahn was in tears.

CBS’s “60 Minutes” reached out to Deacon Snyder, and through him, contacted O’Connor.

She appeared on “60 Minutes” on October 28.

“People have accused me of wanting my “15 minutes of fame”—but it was really 15 minutes of pain,” she reflected; “it was very, very difficult to talk about these things.

“The main reason I agreed to do the ‘60 Minutes’ interview was out of love for the Church, not to attack her.”

Siobahn met with Michael Whalen in February.

“He has made great progress; he has gained so much peace,” she said. “He has forgiven his abuser and wants to meet with him.”

Siobahn and Michael went to Mass together.

“He told me it was his first time going to Mass in 40 years,” said O’Connor.

“I think this was a sign of hope, of what will happen when you do have a forgiving heart.

“We want the Church to admit what’s going on, and to show how they’re going to make corrections—and to stop worrying about the PR and the optics, and the financing of it,” she concluded.

To view Siobahn O’Connor’s complete talk, see vimeo.com/330116744.

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

Why we need public pictures of the victims of abortion

By Missy Smith

It was Monday, March 11, and for those who have gathered every Monday since October 2018 in front of Wildwood Medical Building on Old Georgetown Road in the rain, wind and snow, we were grateful for the mild weather that day!

In October 2018 LeRoy Carhart, who had been killing late term, viable babies in Germantown, Md., for 6½ years, moved to our neighborhood in Bethesda, Md.

This location is owned by Alvin Aubinoe III, a long-time Marylander, whose grandfather once owned a farm there called Amazing Grace.

Ironically, that land today harbors late-term abortionist Carhart, who travels from Omaha, Nebraska, every Sunday to kill third trimester babies there.

We gather to hold signs with pictures of the victims of abortion and to pray as well as give witness to each little life that has been snuffed out. We are saying to the world, they did live, their lives did matter.

They are torturing and murdering babies here, right now, hidden in Wildwood Medical Center, in the basement out of sight.

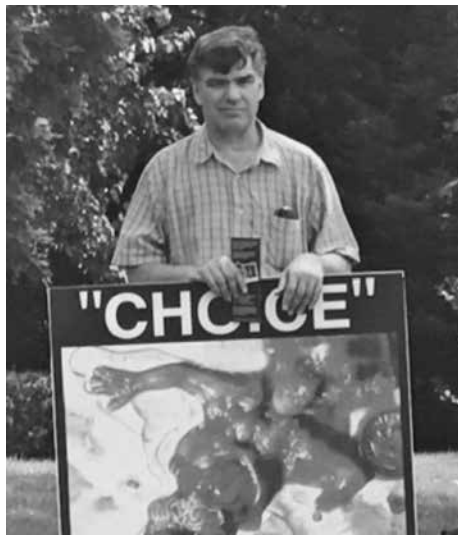
We are honoring these precious little ones. We are showing others who would otherwise not know, of the horror of what is happening in the Wildwood Medical Building.

Like the Nazi concentration camps, their bloodied, broken and bruised bodies are stacked in piles to be picked up by a medical waste company.

During World War II, in plain sight, the concentration camps were going unnoticed by the surrounding villagers.



While Leroy Carhart (above) commits late-term abortions inside, a pro-lifer protests outside Wildwood Medical Center in Bethesda.



The townspeople went about their business, turning a blind eye to the reality of the extinction of a whole class of people.

When the war was over, General Dwight Eisenhower made the neighbors walk through the concentration camps to witness what had been going on to the unwanted, the voiceless, the marginalized, the defenseless of the human race.

It was a vile and disgusting ex-

perience for them.

Our pictures are vile and disgusting as well. One never knows what reaction showing them will evoke. It can be anything from compassion and support to anger and even violence.

As the years have passed by, we have come to feel an affection and even a relationship with these babies in the pictures, called “Choice” and “Malachi.”

Because we are there, they have not been forgotten. We remember them every time we hold them. We are old friends by now.

Recently, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York and Gov. Ralph Northam of Virginia very publicly supported the torturing and murder of viable babies just like the ones on our large signs.

As a result, more people are believing what we in the pro-life movement have been saying for years.

A Marist Poll released February 25 reported that in the previous month, there was an enormous shift of Americans 45 years and younger, from pro-child-killing to pro-life! They too are horrified at the “Truth.”

And on March 11, we felt that difference in attitude—a paradigm shift. On that day, we were given honks for life, thumbs up and even some “thank-you’s” for being there!

Still, some passing by believe the pictures are not real and even “photo-shopped.” But the signs give the abortionist’s name, the date of the baby’s death and place where they had once lived, documenting that they were once living human beings.

We come to the highways and byways with these pictures of the

tortured, burned and torn, littlest of our human race, the preborn.

No one is more innocent, pure and unblemished, than these tiny human beings—and because of this, they are the most valuable food for the demon Baal.

We have experienced harassment, aggression, anger, obscenities, vandalism and intimidation.

Many ask us, “Don’t you have better things to do?” We reply, “No, nothing is more important than telling the world that these babies’ lives mattered and they will not only be remembered but never forgotten.”

These are the Christ Bearers that are being killed. They were created in the image and likeness of God.

Also on March 11, a young, pretty woman came up to us. She was crying so hard tears were streaming down her face. We had never seen such an outward display of anguish.

She begged us to take the signs of the victims down. She said she was on our side and a mother with children and agreed with supporting life, but couldn’t stand to see the pictures of real babies barbarically slaughtered.

We told her this was happening right now in the Wildwood Medical Building by LeRoy Carhart, infamous late-term abortionist, and we had to bring attention to the truth:



Demonstrators hold signs outside Wildwood Medical Center.

real living, viable, babies were being tortured and murdered feet away from our signs.

She continued to cry and beg. We continued to agree that the pictures were horrible, but being silent in the face of evil was evil itself.

No one would know of this horror unless we were there! It was a short but powerful encounter with this young woman who couldn’t bear to see the truth.

We asked her her name and said we were so sorry for her pain. She asked, “You’re not going to take them down?”

We said, “No.” We would be there until LeRoy Carhart stopped torturing and murdering innocent babies.

She left still crying. We contin-

ue to hold the victim signs for the whole world to see. We will be here and everywhere they are killing our children through abortion.

Please remember the children. Remember how important it is we stand with these terrible signs showing the world about our very own holocaust in our very own neighborhoods.

Come and join us to hold signs and pray! Anywhere there is a killing center, there is injustice, and we must stand and tell the truth.

Find the nearest abortion mill and be a witness to the truth, that something very evil is happening within those walls.

Who will remember these little lives unless we do?

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An ultrasound room in Leroy Carhart’s abortion facility in Wildwood Medical Center.

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MDRTL banquet speaker: ‘We are all pro-life apologists now’

By Bob Brown

Each year, *Defend Life* publishes reports from inside both the Maryland Right to Life (MDRTL) banquet and the annual fundraiser of MDRTL’s main political opponent, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland.

When you read those articles, you find commonalities at each event: food, a recitation of legislative accomplishments, a silent auction, and a keynote speaker.

The reports also highlight a significant difference. At the Evening of Chocolate Gala, the pro-abortion crowd devotes little time to business—legislative summaries or the speaker’s talk.

The MDRTL banquet, on the other hand, sets aside a significant amount of the evening to furthering the cause. Every moment, like every life, is precious, and the 2019 MDRTL banquet on May 10 was no exception.

Among other activities, the crowd sat for a half-hour lesson from Scott Klusendorf, the keynote speaker and grandmaster of pro-life apologetics.

MDRTL’s ninth annual spring banquet was its first not held at Martin’s West. Instead, the 225 ticketholders squeezed themselves into a ballroom in the Hotel Annapolis on West Street.

Before unofficially updating my pro-life credentials at the University of Klusendorf, I learned a lesson of a different sort: Annapolis is a nightmarish place to park a ten-passenger van, especially on the weekend. Be warned, all ye large families and eco-friendly carpoolers.

Friday night street parking in Maryland’s quaint, petite capital is

ill-advised, I discovered, but so is trying to wedge a 7-foot van into a 6-foot-6 parking garage.

I spent forty minutes (after dropping off my wife and kids) hunting unsuccessfully for a parking spot, lumbering over the concrete trails like an aged lion, too big and slow to catch a meal, as smaller, nimbler beasts darted around me.

In desperation, and after two failed parking-garage entries, I



With so much on the line today, “We are all apologists now,” Scott Klusendorf tells pro-lifers at the MDRTL banquet.

steered the van into the St. Mary’s Church lot on Duke of Gloucester Street (and walked ten minutes in the rain to the hotel).

I hereby confess to blatantly disregarding the sign warning both lazy and desperate parkers that the lot was reserved for those on official church business only. But I was hoping that the van’s array of pro-life bumper stickers (a.k.a. Catholic camouflage) would allow me to slip in and park unnoticed.

A much more important lesson,

of course, came from the author of the classic pro-life apologetics textbook, *The Case for Life*.

Scott Klusendorf holds a master’s degree in apologetics from Biola University, and he has debated at more than fifty colleges and universities, including Stanford and MIT.

He told the banquet attendees that pro-life apologetics used to be reserved for a few professionals, but with so much on the line today, “we are all apologists now.”

Klusendorf addressed three important questions that pro-lifers must be able to answer: What is the unborn? What makes us valuable as human beings? What is our duty? Klusendorf reviewed the answers to these questions as well as strategies for engaging ideological opponents. (See prolifetraining.com for more information.)

MDRTL’s director of administration, Julie Bass, also spoke, thanking the crowd for their support throughout the year. She said that pro-lifers had sent in more than 30,000 emails and letters to Governor Hogan and to legislators during the 2019 legislative session.

The pro-life presence and pressure helped MDRTL and a coalition of pro-life groups defeat Michael Busch’s effort to enshrine abortion rights in Maryland’s constitution.

The “Busch Amendment” would have called for a referendum to be put to voters during the 2020 elections, but in late February, when Busch calculated he would not have enough support in both chambers, he withdrew the amendment. The Speaker of the House died on April 7.

Laura Bogley, MDRTL’s direc-

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Commentary

Trials of the Present Darkness: Culture of Death vs. Culture of Life

By Loretta Hoffman

When Pope St. John Paul II visited the United States, he left us with this prophetic message:

“We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think the wide circle of the American Society or the wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully.

“We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the Gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist.

“This confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God’s Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously.”

St. John Paul II’s statement is being realized in our day as the elites of our nation and the media continue to perpetrate the lie that “evil is good and good is evil” (Isaiah 5:20).

Pope Benedict XVI also warned us about the evil tyranny of relativism. This present political and cultural milieu, whose political correctness is founded upon this ideology, is taking over our society.

Our previous culture, based on Christian-Judeo principles, is being denied everywhere.

The God-given primary right to life from the womb to the tomb ought to be respected and granted. But laws that permit abortion throughout one’s pregnancy for just about any reason whatsoever are now morphing into infanticide.

Our primary right to life, which enables us to have the other rights, now is even applied to those born alive after an abortion.

Laws permitting assisted suicide are moving rapidly toward euthanasia rights (voluntary and involuntary).

Marriage, where it exists, is be-

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ing destroyed by various infidelities and no-fault divorce laws. Many people are living together in so-called “trial” marriages, and many who are married are not having children.

There’s much gender confusion in our society. Ideological cultural indoctrination of adults and children have made a mockery of our previous Judeo/Christian culture and family life.

Pope St. John Paul II predicted in his encyclical, “The Gospel of Life” (*Donum Vitae*) that a “Culture of Death” would arise in our nation and the entire world, and Pope Benedict XVI’s warnings regarding the tyranny of relativism have occurred.

Pope St. Paul VI was also pro-

phetic in his encyclical, “On Human Life” (*Humanae Vitae*), which was roundly resisted by many, even the clergy.

These three popes were true prophets, because everything that they predicted has happened.

Even formerly respected institutions have leaders who engage in evil behaviors. Radical and leftist politicians, some claiming to be Catholics and other Christians, pronounce claims of morality and/or immorality toward various types of legislation that ring hollow, as they have determined that good must be called evil and evil called good.

Confusion reigns and violence is increasing, while many of these political revolutionaries are calling for drastic and radical changes toward Godless socialism.

What will happen to our once great country and its heritage and civilization?

Are we disturbed enough to do something about it, or have we become so weak and apathetic that we can’t or won’t do anything?

We cannot afford to continue to be indifferent to these ideological changes in our society, pretending that they don’t exist!

Are we content to continue “partying on an imaginary Titanic” while not noticing the icebergs in our culture that threaten to destroy us?

These problems must be addressed proactively by all of us in our own cultural spheres of influence first; and hopefully, the corrections needed there will eventually permeate our society once again for future generations.

If we fail to address and solve these problems, we will soon find that our once proud nation is imploding.

The consequences of these choices will determine whether or not we will become a great nation once again.

We must turn back to God and His Way of Truth and Life, or our country will be destroyed from within and wind up in the dustbins of history.

May God bless America!

Loretta Hoffman, a Catholic/Christian wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, has been a staunch observer, activist, freelance writer, speaker, organizer and leader of various groups and causes. These are her cultural reflections after living in the U.S.A. for 81 years.

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tor of administration, added that she expects to see a similar bill revived next year.

MDRTL and other pro-life groups and individuals also defeated efforts to legalize assisted suicide in Maryland, the fourth such attempt in the past five years. Bogley stated that the bill “would not just have decriminalized assisted suicide but sanctioned its commercialization.”

Bogley also reported legislative defeats. MDRTL helped craft and support three bills that were not even permitted a vote in committee (and so did not make it to a floor vote): Women’s Right to Know HB1075, which would have required that women be given accurate medical facts before an abortion; Pain Capable HB975, to ban abortion after 20 weeks, when substantial medical

evidence proves that preborn children can feel pain; and Abortion Reporting Bill SB420/HB630, which would have required the reporting of the number of abortions in Maryland, by whom, and at what stage of pregnancy. Maryland is one of only three states with no abortion-reporting requirement.

Before the evening ended, the winners of MDRTL’s annual essay contest were introduced. Christopher Magaha, an eighth grader at St. John Catholic School in Westminster, won the Grades 7-8-9 category; and Olivia Webster, a senior at John Carroll High School in Bel Air, won the Grades 10-11-12 category.

Contestants wrote a 500-word essay answering the question, “Why am I pro-life?” For their winning essays, Christopher and Olivia were each awarded \$200, and their essays were submitted to National Right to Life’s national essay contest.

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nothings” into all their ears and groused that we were “spoiling his son’s day.”

I suppose it didn’t dawn on him (and many others) that quite a few who should have been graduating college that day never got the opportunity to even draw the breath of life, and that baby-murder was occurring in many Maryland localities as we were speaking, thanks in part to Shriver’s abortion promotion.

However, one mother came up later to thank us for being there. She disapproved of Shriver and affirmed our suspicions that the decision to invite Shriver caused much tension and division in the Mount community—as well it should have.

Let us pray that the leadership

of Mount St. Mary’s never again is derelict in their responsibilities to provide Catholic example to their students and that they remember that they are Catholic first and foremost.

Let’s also pray that more Catholics speak up and take action against such evils—and then be prepared to be the answers to such prayers.

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