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Practicing homosexual leads LGBT ministry at St. Ignatius Defend Life leaflets church; churchgoer grabs, trashes flyers

The Catholic Church teaches that two of the Spiritual Works of Mercy are to "Admonish the sinner" and to "Instruct the ignorant."

When Defend Life Director Jack Ames learned of an ongoing scandal at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Baltimore, he decided it was time to do both.

In her blog, restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com, *Defend Life* columnist Janet Baker reported on September 24 that an LGBT ministry at St. Ignatius Church was being run by a practicing homosexual.

Baker uncovered ample documentation to back up her assertion.

Her research turned up the fact that Gordon Creamer—the head of the ministry—and Brian Fitzek had gotten a marriage license in 2014 (baltimoresun.com/maryland/carroll/lifestyles/ph-cc-marrlicense-1019-20141016-story.html).

In addition, according to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, Creamer and Fitzek are co-owners of a residential property in the state.

The Catholic Church has always condemned homosexual acts as extremely serious sins.

But St. Ignatius Church's ministry for homosexuals, called



Photo: st.ignatius.net

Gordon Creamer (right) and Brian Fitzek take part in the Baltimore Gay Pride Parade in June.

"Embracing God's Gifts," makes no mention of the sinful nature of samesex relationships.

Instead, its whole emphasis is to "affirm and celebrate its LGBTQ members" (see video by Creamer on st.ignatius.net/embracing-gods-gifts).

Instead of helping those with homosexual inclinations to live according to the teachings of God and the laws of nature, St. Ignatius' ministry condones and encourages their sinful and destructive behavior.

As one activity, for example, the

ministry takes part in Baltimore's annual Pride Parade, which includes marchers often wearing little more than jock straps and routinely performing lewd and obscene gestures and acts.

'Take your hate somewhere else'

On the morning of November 3, several Defend Life supporters handed out flyers to people entering or leaving the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Ignatius Church

on Calvert Street.

One side of the flyer informed readers that the leader of St. Ignatius' LGBT ministry was a practicing homosexual.

Readers were urged to contact Archbishop William Lori and demand that he end a ministry that flouts Church teaching on homosexual behavior.

The other side of the flyer cited Church authorities and teachings on marriage and homosexual actions, including quotations from Jesus Christ, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI), and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

At first, many churchgoers politely accepted the flyer; a few, after glancing at its contents, handed it back.

As more of the leaflets were distributed, persons inside the church became aware of them.

A man dressed in an alb (the long white robe worn under the chausible by priests during Mass) leaned out



A nun accepts a flyer from Nash Monsour on the steps of St. Ignatius.

the church door and accepted a flyer from Buzzy Stockman.

"I asked him if he was a priest, and he said 'yes,' said Stockman.

Responses to the leaflets and their distributors quickly turned negative.

"This is hateful!" one man told Nash Monsour, a long-time pro-life activist from Frederick, Md.

Another yelled at the pro-lifer,

"Take your hate somewhere else!"

"You're offending the people of this parish; I wish you would find something better to do with your time!" a third man urged Monsour.

The pro-lifers remained courteous. When one churchgoer asked Monsour, "What are homosexuals supposed to do?" he advised, "Live a chaste life like everyone else who isn't married."

After a woman refused a flyer, telling Stockman, "You're in a place of love!" the pro-lifer, trying to inject some humor, replied, "Well, we'd love you to take one of these flyers!"

Some objectors told the prolifers that they had no right to be distributing such information in front of the church and they had to leave.

They replied that the sidewalk in front of the church was public property, and they were exercising their First Amendment right to free speech.

The confrontation escalated to the point where pro-lifers and churchgoers, standing on or near



Buzzy Stockman (left) and Jim Bocklage hand out flyers to women outside St. Ignatius Church.

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Catholics push back against Drag Queen Story Hour in Md.

Library official Catherine Hollerbach appeared to be in near panic mode.

As Drag Queen Belena Canto was preparing for his Drag Queen Story Hour inside Crofton Public Library in Crofton, Md., on October 26, protesters were quietly gathering near the library entrance.

Two Defend Life volunteers displayed large signs. One sign proclaimed, "Crofton Library Is Corrupting Innocent Children with Drag Queen Story Time."

The other, which bore a picture of Jesus holding a smiling little boy, read, "'It would be better for a man if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.'—Jesus Christ."

A large group of protesters from Sacred Heart Church in Bowie and other area Catholic parishes were among those assembling. One of them held a sign demanding, "Don't Drag Our Children Down!"

Catherine Hollerbach, chief of Public Services and Branch Management for Anne Arundel County Library, yelled at the fifty-plus protesters not to block the library entrance—which they were not doing—and hastily directed library personnel to restrict them behind yellow "Caution" tape on either side of the entrance.

Hollerbach then confronted Defend Life Director Jack Ames, who was handing out flyers headlined, "What Are These Drag Queens Doing at Your Tax-Supported Library?"

"You can't do that!" she told Ames, declaring that library policy prohibited "soliciting" on library



Fr. Matt DeFusco leads the rosary as over 50 demonstrators, confined by "Caution" tape on either side of the entrance to Crofton Library, protest against the library's Drag Queen Story Hour.



property.

"I call it 'freedom of speech!' " Ames retorted. "Go and call the police if you want."

He continued to distribute the flyers.

A few minutes later, several uniformed Crofton Police officers

arrived. After the officers surveyed the situation, they made no attempt to interfere, but stood quietly by while Fr. Matt DeFusco led the group in prayer.

"We'll pray the rosary and leave

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Analysis

Ambo at Planned Parenthood leads to information cover-up

The jarring wail of a siren cut through the early evening hum of traffic on October 2 as, lights flashing, a Baltimore City Fire Department ambulance pulled up at the corner of Howard and Mulberry streets.

Two paramedics stepped out of the vehicle and hurried into Planned Parenthood of Maryland headquarters, past two startled 40 Days for Life volunteers who were holding signs and keeping vigil in front of the abortion clinic.

One of the volunteers snapped a photo of the ambulance.

Minutes later, the paramedics, accompanied by a Planned Parenthood security guard, wheeled out a woman on a gurney, loaded her into the ambulance, and drove off.

Heavily redacted

On October 9, *Defend Life* emailed a request to the Baltimore

City Fire Department, under the Maryland Public Information Act, for copies of all records of 911 emergency communications placed from 330 North Howard Street on October 2.

A Fire Department spokesperson promptly emailed copies of the printed Computer Aided Dispatch record and the 911 call in question.

But both were heavily redacted, leaving fundamental questions about the incident unanswered.

In general, after a 911 call dispatcher verifies the address and callback phone number of an emergency, he/she asks four "universal" or basic questions in order to respond to the emergency effectively:

- 1. Person's problem or type of incident ("Tell me exactly what happened?")
- 2. Approximate age
- 3. Is he or she conscious?
- 4. Is he or she breathing?

(alamance-nc.com/ccom/calling-911/)

The redacted record sent to *Defend Life* omits these questions, presumably asked by the Fire Department dispatcher, and the answers given by the caller, thus barring public access to virtually all information about the emergency or the condition of the victim.

The Maryland Public Information Act (PIA) calls for the redaction of any "medical or psychological information about an individual that the custodian is prohibited from disclosing under the PIA" (Maryland Code, General Provisions, Sections 4-101 *et.seq*).

Under Maryland law, the local agency involved in the emergency—such as the Baltimore City Fire Department—not the state, decides what information to reveal and what to withhold.

Defend Life sent a formal request for mediation to the Public Access Ombudsman for the Maryland Attorney General's office, arguing that the answers to the dispatcher's questions would not reveal any such medical or psychological information about an individual.

Replying to *Defend Life*'s mediation request, Lisa Kirschner, public access ombudsman with the Maryland Attorney General's office, cited a 2005 legal opinion by that office.

According to the opinion, medical information about a person that appears in an ambulance dispatch record may not be disclosed in response to a PIA request, even though the record is not a "medical record."



An ambulance, lights flashing, parks adjacent to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Baltimore.

"A broad right of access"?

Public information acts are supposed to accommodate the right of the public to know what their government is doing.

As the Maryland Attorney General's office states on its website: "The public's right to information about government activities lies at the heart of a democratic government.

"Maryland's Public Information Act grants the people of this State a broad right of access to public records while protecting legitimate governmental interests and the privacy rights of individual citizens" (marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/OpenGov/pia.aspx).

But in Maryland, the "broad right of access" apparently excludes any government activities involving Planned Parenthood.

Compare what the Baltimore City Fire Department released on the October 2 event to what it released on a December 7, 2018 event.

Both emergency calls came from the same location: 330 North Howard Street in Baltimore. But the December 7 call was made by an individual woman on her own phone.

Much of what she said regarding her own condition and the reason for her call was *not* redacted (see "Ambulance called by client at Baltimore Planned Parenthood," *Defend Life*, Jan.-Feb. 2019).

So much for governmental "concern" about the privacy rights of individuals.

The October 2 call for an ambulance, on the other hand, was made by a Planned Parenthood employee from a Planned Parenthood phone number (after some attempted obfuscation).

Baltimore City has a history of collusion with Planned Parenthood. For example, the duo tried to impede

Planned Parenthood tries to hide 911 call

"911, Operator 1312. What is the address of the emergency?"

"Hi, it's 330 Howard Street in Baltimore. My name is Karen, I'm with Intrado at the Emergency Call Center. I have Raishonda on the line—"

"I'm sorry. I'm sorry. One moment: where are you calling from?"

"Intrado, at the Emergency Call Relay Center."

"And what's the address?"

"330 Howard Street."

"Is that north or south?"

"She did not advise."

"I need to know."

"I'll bring her on the line, she can advise you. Let me give you her callback number. She's calling from Planned Parenthood."

"Okay, is it north or south?"

"Ma'am, I'm going to bring the caller on to you. Her phone number is 410-576-1414. Do you need my callback number?"

"What is it?"

"800-357-4911. One moment. Raishonda?

"Yes?"

"Your dispatcher is on the line."

"Hi. Is this north or south Howard Street?"

"North. In Baltimore City."

"And what's the address, ma'am?"
"220 North Howard Street

"330 North Howard Street, 21202."

"And what's the name of the business?"

"Planned Parenthood."

(Partial audio of a 911 emergency call received on October 2 by the Baltimore City Fire Department.)

While precious seconds ticked away, the 911 emergency dispatcher for the Baltimore City Fire Department talked to a caller from a call relay center who did not know the proper address of the emergency.

When the dispatcher insisted on the exact address, the caller connected her to the source of the emergency—Planned Parenthood.

Most of what followed on the 911 audio was blocked out on records of the call obtained by *Defend Life*.

What was the emergency?

Was the patient conscious?

Was the patient breathing?

How grave was the emergency—serious enough that lost seconds in response might make a difference?

Apparently, as far as Baltimore City and the State of Maryland is concerned, it's none of the public's business.

Operation Rescue (which was provided the 911 records by *Defend Life*) reported that it was able to locate the radio dispatch recording in question.

The recording indicated that an ambulance was needed at Planned Parenthood for someone suffering "abdominal pain"—a symptom often associated with surgical abortion complications.

"Planned Parenthood's use of a VOIP [Voice Over Internet Protocol] to contact a call relay center instead of 911 directly likely delayed the dispatch of paramedics to the scene.

"This practice could potentially cause life-threatening delays," warned Operation Rescue (operationrescue. org/archives/planned-parenthood-in-baltimore-delays-ambulance-with-sneaky-new-tactic-to-conceal-medical-emergency).

Was Planned Parenthood routing its call through an anonymous third party to hide from the public the fact that one of their patients was suffering a life-threatening condition and needed an ambulance?

Inquiring minds can draw their own conclusions.

work on a new pro-life pregnancy center next to the Baltimore Planned Parenthood with both a "stop work" order and a bogus complaint claiming that construction workers were blocking the entrance to Planned Parenthood ("Work starts on pregnancy center next to Planned Parenthood," *Defend Life*, Nov.-Dec. 2018).

The State of Maryland has a similar history of supporting and shielding Planned Parenthood and other abortionists; it's one of the few states that keep absolutely no statistics on the number of abortions in the state.

"Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses are actively trying to hide the number of women who suffer serious complications that require emergency hospitalization," declares Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue.

Maryland law, its lack of abortion reporting, and its support for abortion and abortionists all collude to keep the public in the dark—including any troubled woman considering an abortion at Baltimore's Planned Parenthood.

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this in the hands of Mary," the priest said.

'The conscience of our culture'

After the rosary, Father DeFusco gave an impromptu talk about the purpose of the demonstration.

Everyone has a conscience, he pointed out: "We all know the difference between right and wrong.

"But for those who sort of ignore their conscience, we have to kind of help to awaken it, and this is part of our witness today," he explained.

"It's our duty to help form the content of the culture from time to time; that's what God is asking us to do.

"God is in what is good, what is true, and what is beautiful—not in what is false, wrong, or ugly.

"So we try to bring God into these places, to make His presence known."

DeFusco got some nods from the group when he said, "You who

Drag Queen Story Hours are part of a large, organized movement by the American Library Association in collusion with LGBTQ activists.

are parents know that sometimes you have to give tough love and speak a word that isn't invited, isn't welcomed. But out of that, we hope to actually bring healing and love and God to where He's absent."

Referring to the efforts by "drag queens" and other LGBT activists to teach little children that they can be whatever sex they want to be, Father noted, "God made creation; he made man and woman in His own image, and He made it good—so that's what we're standing up for today.

"God put man in dominion over the earth, but God has dominion over man and woman, so we don't get to remake ourselves."

"Don't forget, we're here to try to be the conscience of our culture!" he concluded.

Prince meets handsome knight

While protesters prayed the rosary outside the library, inside the building, Drag Queen Belena Canto was reading children's stories to about 25 listeners, fifteen or so of whom were children.

One book, *Prince & Knight*, by Daniel Haack, told of a handsome prince who goes on a quest with the king and queen to find himself a bride.

But none of the lovely ladies they meet appeals to the prince, who tells his parents, "I'm looking for a *difference* in a partner by my side."

When a fearsome dragon threatens the kingdom, the prince bravely fights him off, aided by a helmeted knight who suddenly appears from nowhere to help him vanquish the fire-breathing foe.

Canto read:

The knight took off his helmet to reveal his handsome face, and as they gazed into each other's eyes their hearts began to race. It became clear to those around that the prince's one true love had at last been surely found.

Canto concluded the story:

On the two men's wedding day the air filled with cheer and laughter for the prince and his shining knight who lived happily ever after.

"Oh, I *love* that ending!" Canto exclaimed as his audience applauded.

"Wake up, pray, push back"

Drag Queen Story Hours for children have been popping up in public libraries across the country for several years.

They are not spontaneous, isolated events, however, but part of a large, organized movement engineered by the American Li-

Bishop Strickland leads rosary outside Bishops' Conference

While the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference held its Annual Fall Meeting at the Marriott Waterfront in Baltimore on November 12 and 13, Defend Life and the Catholic Media Coalition sponsored a two-day Rosary event in honor of Our Lady of America on the waterfront outside.

Bishop Mark Brennan of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese in West Virginia led the Rosary on November 12, followed by Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Tyler, Texas Diocese on November 13.

About 30 pro-lifers from as far away as Texas, Ohio and Massachusetts, braving subfreezing temperatures and icy winds blowing off the Inner Harbor, joined Bishop Strickland as he knelt on the pavement, praying the Glorious Mysteries before a portrait of Our Lady of America.

"Our Lady, we offer this rosary for the sanctity of life, and in reparation for the children killed by abortion," said Strickland. "Strengthen us to live the truth of the Gospel."

Since he was ordained bishop of Tyler in 2012, Strickland has been an outspoken conservative advocate of Church teaching on controversial issues, including abortion, homosexuality, and contraception.

At the bishops' conference on November 12, Strickland spoke out when Cardinal Blaise Cupich of Chicago proposed changing the wording of a letter to preface a bishops' voters' guide for the 2020 election.

Cupich objected to a paragraph in the letter stating, "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the



Bishop
Joseph
Strickland
leads the
Rosary to
Our Lady of
America
outside the
Bishops'
Conference
at the
Marriott
Waterfront
Hotel in
Baltimore.

sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty."

The Cardinal proposed amending this section, apparently to downplay the emphasis on abortion, and cited Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, in which the Pope named other social issues as "equally sacred" to that of abortion.

Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego backed Cupich's proposal, claiming, "It is not Catholic teaching that abortion is the preeminent issue that we face."

But Strickland responded, "I think 'preeminent' needs to stay" in the voters' guide.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of

Philadelphis agreed, asserting that "pro-life is still [the] preeminent issue."

In the vote to keep the "preeminent" wording in the voters' guide, 143 bishops voted "yes," 69 voted "no," and four abstained.

In 1956, Our Lady of America reportedly appeared to a nun in Indiana, Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil. She asked men and women to dedicate themselves to living lives of purity.

Our Lady also requested that a statue of her be processed into the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, then under construction in Washington, D.C., where it could be venerated.

She promised that if her requests were fulfilled, the miracles that would follow in America would exceed those of Fatima and Lourdes.



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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Here we are again at the end of the year. With Christmas approaching, I want to personally wish you and your family the most joyful and blessed Christmas season ever. Remember that Christmas does not end December 25! Rather, Christmas Day is the beginning of the Christmas Season!

This year, we have been blessed once again with a \$15,000 Christmas \$ for \$ Matching Grant offered by a small group of generous persons whom I can never thank

enough!

In very simple terms, this means that anything you donate between now and December 31 will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$15,000. Your donation of \$100 becomes \$200, \$250 becomes \$500, and so forth! Please give generously. When deciding how much to give, remember this... Almighty God is never outdone in generosity!

Here is some of what DEFEND LIFE did with your support in 2019:

We sponsored **12** different world-class **PRO-LIFE** speakers who spoke to **33** different audiences as part of our Lecture Tour and our 19th Annual Face the Truth Tour.



Michael Voris







Siobahn O'Connor





Barry Sullivan



Mary O'Connor Ward



Lynn Mills





Chris Slattery



Dr. Pat Castle



Ann Scheidler



Joe Scheidler

In April, we sponsored a **Defund Planned Parenthood** event which attracted 60 persons, including Pastor P.M. Smith of Huber Memorial Church, who led us in prayer. In September, we hosted a National Day of Remembrance event for the aborted babies buried here in Maryland.

Our 19th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour was outstanding. We had 16 Core Team Members including many Home Schooled High School Students. We distributed over **25,000** copies of **DEFEND LIFE.** We distributed hundreds of **PRO-LIFE** T-Shirts.

In December, we will once again sponsor Christmas Caroling at Union Station in Washington, DC and at our state capital in Annapolis, where we will have beautiful Nativity scenes with us.

The Magdalen: A Classic Book on Post-Abortion Healing

My dear longtime prolife friend, Ginny Bart, has written what I consider to be a classic book on post-abortion healing. This book, entitled **The Magdalen**, is desperately needed, given the millions of post-abortive women who are everywhere in our society.

Abortion and the subsequent emotional stress, guilt and self-loathing that accompany this inherent evil is the main subject of **The Magdalen.** It is the story of Mary Rose Murphy, whose loss of innocence, a meteoric rise to fame and fortune and the rapid decline into a world of envy, lust, substance abuse and prostitution drive her

to despair.

More at home in the stables of her parents' horse farm and in her hometown parish than anywhere else on earth, Mary Rose is surprised and alarmed when the County Executive's son begins to pursue her with

a passion.

Wealthy, egotistical, sadistic, and without conscience, Roland Caldwell III has never been denied anything in his entire life. Mary Rose Murphy has something Caldwell wants badly enough to feign a conversion of heart. He wants the lassie's voice. He knows without a doubt that her voice will guarantee fame and fortune for him and his band. Mary Rose is convinced that her example and tender patience with Roland will be rewarded by the eventual walk down the aisle in St. Anslem's Roman Catholic Church.

Thus begins the journey for Mary Rose Murphy that will take her from the horse farm that she loves, her horse named **Bucket** who is her dearest friend, all the way to the heights of fame and fortune in the casinos of Las Vegas, to the seedy and sordid streets of Baltimore City's notorious strip joints and brothels, also known as the Block, and finally to New Hope Retreat Center in Boston.

But Mary Rose is never alone. She is watched over not only by Almighty God but also by a young priest whose sole purpose in life is to go out from the ninety-nine sheep

to seek and find the one that is lost.



Mary Rose meets Father Jesse Marciano. Father Jesse has a unique gift. He is led by the grace of the Holy Spirit to a soul who is desperately in need of God's healing love and forgiveness. When that soul has nowhere else to turn, has hit rock-bottom and is drowning in despair to the point of suicide, Father Jesse reveals his true vocation and provides the means for redemption and resurrection.

Mary Rose Murphy is the soul in this story. The geographical settings include Baltimore, Las Vegas, the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in

Stockbridge, and New Hope Retreat Center in Boston.

Although Roman Catholic in its teachings, **The Magdalen** provides readers of any faith proof of God's unconditional forgiveness no matter how mortal and heinous the sin. There is nothing that can separate the repentant sinner from God's mercy and love, absolutely nothing. The book gives hope to all those who have suffered from postabortion syndrome.

The spiritual battle between good and evil rages in this present age. Father Jesse Merciano is one of God's warriors who courageously steps out onto the spiritual battlefield carrying Christ's standard of Divine Mercy, Hope, Redemption, Resurrection,

and Victory.

Enclosure

P.S. Ginny Bart needs a publisher for her book. If you would like to read a copy or have an idea for a publisher, please contact Ginny 410-963-2001 • VeeBart@Gmail.com

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Open Letter

Pro-lifer rejects offer to join Hopkins Bayview advisory council

At a session held by the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) at the Turners Station Senior Center (in Dundalk, Md.) last February, long-time community activist Mary Branch was impressed. "I could see the good they were doing for patients," she told Defend Life.

Mrs. Branch attended several follow-up sessions by the Advisory Council and seriously considered acting on their general invitation to become a member of the group.

But then she had second thoughts. She wrote the following letter:

Ms. Stella Karais Patient & Family Advisory Council Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Dear Ms. Karais,

I write this letter with a heavy heart. While becoming excited over the possibility of joining PFAC, it "hit me like a ton of bricks," that my joining this group in the Bayview hospital, which would involve me with patients and families, doctors have sworn an oath to save lives, to the very best of their abilities, at all costs!

As a Roman Catholic, I learned that life is a precious gift from God. A human life is to be loved, cherished and cared for, giving the highest dignity and respect at all times and in all circumstances.

It sickened me when I learned that every Wednesday is "abortion day" at Johns Hopkins Bayview's Division of Family Planning, which offers abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy. (So much for the sworn oath and human life!)

Marylanders are rightfully proud of Johns Hopkins Hospital. People from all over the nation and the world come to Hopkins for healing and life-saving treatment.

I was invited to join the [Defend Life] "abortion protest" monthly, near the Division of Family Planning building on the Bayview campus. I have attended and will continue to protest abortions until Johns Hopkins ceases to kill babies.

The brochure that I hand to persons contains very graphic pictures of babies killed by abortion: violent means of extracting the baby from the mother's womb, by suction method, scraping, tearing, saline solutions, and other killing methods.

How utterly sad, awful and demonic that these poor, innocent babies only have us, in prayerful protest, to fight for their lives and to make unsuspecting persons aware of the violent killings, performed for money, on totally vulnerable, helpless, innocent human beings that God sends to earth, only to have their lives snuffed out before they are given a chance to live!

God sends that life to us to make a contribution to the world; if only she/he was given a chance to live!

I envisioned PFAC as a wonderful opportunity to educate and "lift" the spirits of persons receiving services from the hospital, and to make them aware of the good



At Defend Life's protest at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center last December, Mary Branch (left) gives a woman a brochure describing the center's committing of abortions up to 24 weeks' gestation.

Abortion CEO 'prays' for, lauds abortionists at gala

By Naomi daGuerra

"I pray that abortion providers will be respected."

The speaker who uttered these words was not actually praying. In fact, she oversees and profits from tens of thousands of abortions every year.

That speaker was Amy Hagstrom Miller, president and CEO of Whole Woman's Health, an abortion chain she founded in 2003.

She communicated her wish during her acceptance speech at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland's (NPCM) 30th Annual Evening of Chocolate Gala on October 19.

NPCM presented Miller with its Choice Advocate of the Year award at the gala, which was again held at the Ten Oaks Ballroom on Signal Lane in Clarksville, Md.

The alcohol-fueled pro-abortion party differed little from years past.

Doors officially opened that evening at 8:00 p.m. At 8:45, the speeches started and lasted nearly forty minutes, about twice as long as at most prior galas.

John Sarbanes, a Chocolate Gala regular and Democrat who represents Maryland's third congressional district, began with a fond remembrance of the late Elijah Cummings.

Cummings, another proabortion Democrat, had represented Maryland's seventh congressional district until his death two days before the gala.

Sarbanes said Cummings "cared deeply about self-determination," and claimed that if "access [to abortion] and opportunity were rolled back, the poor would suffer most." (But not as much as the poor preborn



Whole Woman's Health CEO Amy Hagstrom Miller (right) pauses for a photo with attendees at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland's annual Chocolate Gala.

babies, whom Cummings neglected to represent, dismembered at the abortion centers in his district.)

Calvin Ball, Howard County's current and first ever African-American county executive, followed Sarbanes with praise for NARAL and eulogies for Cummings.

As Sarbanes did, Ball also used the word "opportunity" as a euphemism tied to—perhaps even *for*—abortion.

Next up, Diana Philip, NPCM's executive director, took the microphone and handed out various awards. She made two somewhat noteworthy comments.

"I'm going to introduce you to my staff because I can this year," Philip said. "We usually don't have any." Evidently, some years NPCM doesn't have the budget to keep more than one full-time employee on staff.

Philip added an exhortation that should cause the citizens of the socalled Free State to hang their heads in shame.

"Keep Maryland strong," Philip continued. "Many people are coming [to Maryland] to get the healthcare they can't get in their own state."

By "healthcare" she almost certainly meant late-term abortions. Maryland has for a long time sheltered late-term abortionists who fled other states that no longer allowed them to *operate*.

Philip then introduced Miller and handed her NPCM's most prestigious award. Miller talked about starting her abortion business sixteen years earlier and the political "roller coaster" that she has encountered since then, particularly the Supreme Court case her organization won in 2016: Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt.

In the six states, including Maryland, where her business kills little girls and boys, Miller referenced "more than 30,000," probably as

her centers' annual abortion total, although it could have been the total number of clients.

The attendance at the Chocolate Gala was similar to that from past years, in the neighborhood of 200, if you include Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot (announced from the microphone, although I didn't see him) and the dozen or so members of the 1920's-style band Clipper City Crew that performed throughout the evening.

(The band's website has a contact form that I found useful for sending polite messages expressing displeasure for their support of child-killing.)

Vendors at the gala, and therefore accomplices in child-killing, included Charm City Photo Booths, Zeffert and Gold Catering, as well as silent auction donors National Aquarium, Walters Art Gallery, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

One silent auction basket held a bottle of wine and the book *Witches*, *Sluts*, *Feminists*. One of its chapters was entitled "Hilary Clinton, Wicked Witch of the Left."

It doesn't sound like Miller's prayer will be answered anytime soon.

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the church steps, were carrying on three or four heated debates simultaneously.

One man angrily informed Monsour that Jesus never said homosexuality was wrong, that Christ would be on *his* side of the argument, and that Jesus probably had had sex.

A woman who said she taught

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religious education to children at the church chanted repeatedly at a prolifer, "Just go away! Just go away! Just go away!"

A man who said his name was Dominic insisted to Jack Ames, "You can't be here!"

"I said, 'Yes, we *can* be here,' and tried to explain the First Amendment

to him," said Ames, but the man only became angrier.

Suddenly, "Dominic" snatched Ames' packet of flyers out of his hands.

"That's my property—give them back!" yelled the stunned pro-lifer.

He tried to grab the flyers back. "Don't you realize you took my property? I could have you arrested for that!" he exclaimed.

Dominic refused to relinquish them, handing them over instead to a woman, who saw that they were thrown in a recycling bin.

After the churchgoers had gone inside the church and things quieted down, Stockman reflected, "I've stood out in front of abortion clinics for years—but I got more controversy here than I ever got in front of the clinics."

Monsour agreed. "I've been praying and sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics for thirty years, but I never saw the kind of stuff that went on here. I don't understand how they think this!"

But Ames remained undiscouraged. As the crowd began to diminish, he said, "I tried to get [Dominic] aside and talk more reasonably with him.

"I said, 'Are you Irish?' because he had an Irish brogue. He said yes, and that he was from County Mayo."

He later excused the man's actions. "The Irish are a lot more excitable than those from other cultures," rationalized Ames, who is part Irish himself.

By the time Dominic excused himself, saying he had to get into Mass, both men were calmer.

Ames concluded, "There were a few people who we handed the flyers to who were receptive.

"I think we did some good today."



More information about SEAN FLANIGAN, our January 17 March for Life Kickoff Speaker

• Came to America from Ireland in 1956

- Superb speaker Best Irish jokes you ever heard
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- Founder of 2 Catholic Radio stations
- Former VP, New Jersey Right to Life
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Guest Editorial

'Embracing God's Gifts': Why stop at sodomy?

By Inez Inclusive

St. Ignatius Catholic Church's LGBT ministry, "Embracing God's Gifts," beautifully practices the acceptance of diversity in all God's children.

God made our LGBTQ brothers and sisters that way, and we accept them as God made them.

St. Ignatius' weekly bulletin for November 3 explains this profound principle succinctly:

"We believe that diversity shared with love and respect enriches all of us and makes us more compassionate and creative. We seek to walk with others and invite them to walk with us."

But why stop at sodomy?

In the spirit of diversity and inclusivity and compassion for others, here are suggestions for a few other ministries at St. Ignatius that fulfill the concept of "Embracing God's Gifts":

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that is done at the hospital, and the efforts and dedication of those who do value human life, who commit to demonstrating those virtues every day of their lives. God bless them!

I'm sorry I cannot serve on the PFAC. My priority is being the voice, whenever and wherever I can, for the voiceless.

Please pray for the moms and the babies!

God bless all of you.

Mrs. Mary Branch

Alcoholics Unanimous

Let us embrace those of our brethren who drink way too much and often get plastered out of their minds.

After all, we know they can't help it—they were *born* that way. Their condition should be *celebrated*, not condemned!

St. Ignatius should launch a new ministry, Alcoholics Unanimous, with a fall-on-the-floor, all-you-can-drink booze party, in which we embrace God's gift of sloppy drunkenness.

Bring your own hooch, guys—all are welcome!

Embracing Adultery

This ministry will celebrate the diversity and creativity of unfettered sexual excess.

Let's get real and stop the fingerpointing, stop condemning those of us who commit adultery from time to time.

After all, adultery is ingrained in human nature, and is as old as time (remember David and Bathsheba?).

So let's knock off this holierthan-thou attitude and embrace the diversity of our married brothers and sisters who feel compelled to jump into bed for sex with whoever and whenever

Judge not, lest ye be judged, right?

Embracing Adultery should kick off their ministry with an inaugural Adultery Pride Parade, in which participants wearing scanty and/or obscene outfits proudly flaunt their adulterous proclivities.

Bring your wife, bring your girlfriend—heck, being your wife and your girlfriend—or girlfriends—the more the merrier—and remember our motto: All Are Welcome!



Public Square Rosary Crusade

The America Needs Fatima branch in Dundalk, Md. joined with thousands of rosary rallies nationwide on October 12 to mark the 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917.

In My Humble Opinion

We must all be Alexander Tschugguels

By Janet Baker

On October 4, feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, an idolatrous ceremony was held in the Vatican Gardens, with Pope Francis in attendance.

Various people in feathered caps and a Franciscan friar gathered in a circle around two wooden statues of naked pregnant women. They literally knelt, with faces to the ground, in worship of these idols. There are many videos that can be viewed of this abomination on the internet.

We later learned that these statues were representations of a fertility goddess called "Pachamama." It was held out as being a part of the Amazon culture, although in reality "Pachamama" was a feature of the Inca empire, on the western part of South America, not the Amazon forest.

Replicas of this thing were paraded into Roman churches with pomp and reverence. Idols, with the permission if not approval of the pope, were brought into Catholic churches.

Obviously faithful Catholics were outraged.

However, we were greeted with delightful news on the morning of October 21. Several hours before morning in U.S. time, at least two individuals went into one of the churches, grabbed the idols in that church and threw them into the Tiber River.

For several weeks these obviously devout persons remained anonymous, but in the last two weeks, one of them revealed his name.

He is Alexander Tschugguel from

Austria. For some time he had been active in trying to restore sanity to the Catholic Church in Austria, just as many of us do here.

On November 12 he gave an address to faithful Catholics gathered at the Washington Bureau of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property.

I was fortunate not only to attend the talk but to record it and post it to YouTube. It can be found on my blog post at restore-dc-catholicism. blogspot.com /2019 /11 /alexander-tschugguels-entire-address.html.

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He stated that he had done quite a bit of studying of the recent activities of the Church hierarchy. He asserted, and I concur, that the Amazon Synod's main goals were *not* to insinuate a female deaconate or married priesthood. Rather, the synod was meant to further the advancement of a masonic one-world government under the guise of caring for the environment.

A careful reading of recent papal documents, most notably *Laudato Si*, will bolster this theory.

I understand that for some readers of this newsletter, this may be difficult to comprehend, especially if you have been relying solely on archdiocesan newspapers to be informed of things Catholic.

Please understand that these publications are mere mouthpieces of their respective chanceries. They simply are *not* going to publish facts that the chanceries may want to hush.

It behooves every one of us, no exceptions, to look elsewhere to learn of these matters. In addition to this newsletter, I'd suggest going to the internet and visiting sites such as LifeSiteNews, Church Militant, Lepanto Institute, Les Femmes, and my blog.

All these sites will in turn link to original documents and other information sources. We must know what is happening in the Church before we see one of these Pachamama things intrude into our own parishes.

The events about which we have been reading aren't just occurring many miles away. At the USCCB meeting that occurred while Tschugguel was talking, the papal nuncio ordered the bishops to carry "the magisterium of Pope Francis" into the parishes—that means *your* church!

You too might soon be hearing nonsense about "environmental sins" and "obeying the United Nations" (both of these phrases were uttered by the pope).

We will hear about the Sustainable Development Goals; included in those goals is "maintaining population levels." How are those population levels to be maintained? By contraception and abortion, of course.

We all have been frustrated about not hearing more preaching against

abortion and contraception. I used to think the clergy were just being cowardly; now we have reason to believe that their silence was motivated by something far more sinister.

I know some have been looking askance about the contents of my recent articles, believing that they aren't directly related to the pro-life cause. I hope that misconception is now dispelled.

Tschugguel stated that we must act as well as pray. This is something that many faithful Catholics have been saying for some time now.

We must double down on our daily Rosaries. We must educate ourselves and each other. We must network with other like-minded Catholics near us for support and to work together to combat the encroaching mutilation of our Catholic religion.

Jesus Christ has been disrespected in secular society, and now it is happening even in churches that house the Blessed Sacrament. We must stand against that and be prepared to pay the costs for doing so.

Souls are at stake, including our own.

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brary Association in collusion with LGBTQ activists (personhood. org/2019/0610/library-childrendrag-queen-story-hour).

Drag Queen Story Time "gives kids glamorous, positive and proudly queer role models," Anne Arundel County Public Library asserted on its website, promoting Belena Canto's appearance at their Glen Burnie Library branch a year ago

At Canto's August 18, 2018 performance, a clearly pleased Catherine Hollerbach, who helped organize the event, told a *Defend*

Life reporter, "This is the first [public library] drag queen story time in the state of Maryland! I think it's awesome!"

The ALA's promotion of DQSHs strives to legitimize the idea that a man dressed as an exaggerated depiction of a woman promotes acceptance, inclusion, and children's literacy.



Drag Queen Belena Canto relaxes after reading stories to kids at Crofton Library.

But the story hours also give men of very questionable character access to little children.

Research by Mass Resistance, a pro-family activist group, revealed that two library drag queens in Texas were convicted sex offenders who had sexually molested several 4-to-8-year-old children.

In August, Mass Resistance reported that a third Texas drag queen, performing at an Austin, Texas, public library, had been convicted of male prostitution.

Mass Resistance also exposed the unsavory background of Drag Queen Stormy Vain, who performed at a Drag Queen Story Hour at Lexington Park Library, Md., on June 23.

Vain, whose real name is Todd Musick, was the operator of numerous sexual and pornographic businesses that included hiring out nude men for services such as handyman and housekeeper, and hiring out male strippers for parties and one-on-one sessions (massresistance.org/docs/gen3/19c/MD-Lexington-DQSH-expose/index. html).

"Instead of protecting the precious innocence of our children with wholesome stories, libraries are misusing our tax dollars to harm their innocence," charges John Ritchie, director of TFP Student Action.

"To attempt to dismantle and destroy the distinction between male and female is not only biologically ridiculous, but also a direct attack against God's plan for us and for the family," he declared.

"Everyone who loves the family should wake up, pray and push back."

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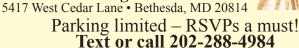


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