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Towson University Health Center bans pregnancy center info

If you become pregnant while you're in college, what do you do?

If you're a student at Towson University, compassionate help is just one mile south on York Road, at Pregnancy Center North.

PCN offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, confidential counseling, referrals and resources, as well as layettes, and baby supplies as part of a pregnancy and parenting education program—all for free.

But Towson University's Health Center for students won't allow Pregnancy Center North's informational pamphlets to be displayed at the center.

PCN Director Cindi Ritter learned of the ban in 2008, when she was invited to speak at a Pregnancy Resource Forum at Towson University led by Feminists for Life President Serrin Foster.

FFL's goal is to advocate for campus resources to help pregnant or parenting college students to continue their education, rather than drop out or have an abortion.

At the Towson University forum, a nine-member panel of representatives from various campus entities discussed resources they offered, such as day care for children or housing for parenting students.

Foster had asked Ritter to speak as a representative of a local



Towson University refuses to permit informational pamphlets from nearby Pregnancy Center North at its Health Center.

pregnancy resource center.

Ritter described the ways that Pregnancy Center North helps pregnant students continue their education.

"We tell our clients that pregnancy is a temporary condition, and that they can still pursue their goals," she explained.

After the panel presentation, Lenore Meyers, a health educator at the university's health center, came over to talk to Ritter.

"I had pregnancy center

brochures, and I asked her if we could place them in the health center," Ritter recalled. "She said 'No.' I asked why, and she said, 'Because your pregnancy center tells lies!'"

"When I asked her what lies, she said, 'You don't tell the truth about when life begins; you say that life begins at conception, when it really begins at implantation.' And she said that we coerce women to keep their babies.

"I tried to refute her comments,

but she was very combative and would not listen to me. When I asked if there was anyone else I could talk to, she said no, she was the director.”

Tigers for Life stymied

Towson University senior Erica Caporaletti told *Defend Life* that the university’s pro-life group, Tigers for Life, had gotten the health center to give out PCN pamphlets for a period of time, but that they stopped giving them out in the spring or fall semesters of 2018-2019.

Instead, she reported, the center gave out pamphlets from Planned Parenthood that warn women to beware of so-called “crisis pregnancy centers” that are anti-abortion.

“The pamphlets say that crisis pregnancy centers will lie to a woman, telling her she isn’t pregnant even when she is, and that they won’t provide all available options.”

In March of this year, Caporaletti, then vice-president of Tigers for Life, along with then-

TFL President Chris Daeschner and Stephanie Stone, a Students for Life regional coordinator, talked with an administrator at the health center about reinstating the PCN pamphlets. The woman refused to do so.

“She was very short with us and did not provide much information at all,” she recalled.

Caporaletti, now president of Tigers for Life, an independent club affiliated with Students for Life, said that TFL is not giving up: “We are working to get these Planned Parenthood lies out of our health center and get resources from PCN into the center.”

Despite the health center’s lack of support, Tigers for Life has worked to spread the pro-life message on and off campus. In the fall of 2018 they started a Students for Life’s “Pregnant on Campus Initiative,” an ongoing program to support pregnant students.

“In October we will have a huge table display, ‘Post-Roe America,’ designed to set up informative conversations on abortion,” said



Towson University should give its students access to *all* resources, says PCN Director Cindi Ritter.

Caporaletti.

TU’s health center offers “emergency contraception”—Plan B and Ella (which can cause early abortions)—as well as free condoms and other “safer sex supplies” (towson.edu/healthcenter/health-education/sexual-health.html). They refer for abortions.

Their website, in addition to linking to Planned Parenthood, links to sites like Bedsider.org, which posts articles on subjects such as “How to start birth control after an abortion” and “5 reasons why you’re not enjoying oral sex as much as you could be.”

“Hot tips” on display

A *Defend Life* reporter, visiting the health center in early September, could not find any Pregnancy Center North brochures in the display racks in the waiting area.

On display, however, were



Display racks at Towson University Health Center include brochures on topics such as “5 Smart Steps to Good Sex” and “How to Use a Dental Dam.”

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Analysis

LGBT history to be taught in Md. public schools

The Maryland State Department of Education is revising its history and social studies curricula to include lessons on LGBT history.

State Del. Eric Luedtke (D Montgomery) in late July sent a letter, signed by 47 state legislators, asking MSDE to update curricula to include the history of LGBT and disability rights.

In his letter to Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon, Luedtke said that the state's existing curricula do not include the development of LGBT civil rights or acknowledge the contributions of LGBT persons to American history.

He also asked for the inclusion of disability rights in history lessons.

"These are important stories for our teachers to tell, not only for those students who are themselves LGBT or who have a disability, but so all of our students have a base understanding of the challenges faced by significant segments of American society," he wrote.

'Quick and easy win'

Luedtke said that the Department of Education told him on August 9 that it would make the changes.

"It was a quick and easy win," the delegate told the *Washington Post*—apparently taking credit for MSDE's decision.

But such revisions have been in the process long before Luedtke's letter, according to MSDE's Director of Communications.

Revisions to all the social studies frameworks were initiated after the State Board of Education

approved revisions to Maryland's social studies standards in 2015, Catherine Shoup told *Defend Life* in a September 11 email.

"The high school United States History framework revisions were initiated in the summer of 2018," said Shoup.

A work group made up of teachers, social studies supervisors,



Delegate Eric Luedtke rallied Maryland legislators to support teaching LGBT history in public schools.

and a representative of the Maryland Historical Society met four times during the 2018-2019 school year to make the revisions, she said.

MSDE staff are revising the draft framework. They were scheduled to conduct regional meetings in September with local school system social studies supervisors to get feedback on the framework.

Local school systems will have access to the framework by

the spring of 2020, and will be implementing the new framework by the fall of 2021, said Shoup.

At least one Maryland district already plans to go beyond merely including LGBT topics in history classes as required by the new MSDE standards.

According to the *Washington Post*, Montgomery County will include LGBT material in English, PE/Health, fine arts, world languages, and other classes.

Maryland joins other states

Illinois, Colorado and New Jersey have already passed laws mandating that LGBT history be taught as part of the school curriculum.

California was the first state, in 2011, to require its inclusion. It mandates LGBT lessons in grades K through 12.

Maryland will include lessons on LGBT history only in high school, Shoup told *Defend Life*.

She could not give information on specific textbooks, courses or lesson plans to be used, because selecting them is an ongoing process, she said.

The website lgbtqhistory.org, which contains instructional resources for California educators, may shed some light for what could lay in store for Maryland public schools.

Their collection of lesson plans for Grades K through 5 include: "Gender roles During the Gold Rush," "Early Colonial Gender Roles," and "Two-Spirit and

Nontraditional Families.”

A fourth lesson plan, for fourth graders, “Native American Gender Roles and Spanish Colonialism,” includes the following lesson objectives:

- Understand that different cultures have different interpretations of gender roles.
- Examine how colonialism changed the perception of gender roles in the Americas.

A vocabulary list for the fourth graders for this lesson includes:

- Gender identity: The gender that you feel you are.
- Gender roles: A set of social and cultural beliefs or expectations about appropriate behavior for people of a certain gender.
- Cisgender: A person whose gender identity is the same as the gender they were given at birth.
- Transgender: A person whose gender identity is different than the gender they were

given at birth.

- Non-binary: A person whose gender is not just male or female.

Moving on to the upper grades, one lesson plan on the website for grades 6 through 12 is “Understanding Homophobia/Heterosexism and How to Be an Ally.”

In the lesson plan, “Winning the Right to Marry: Historic Parallels,” students in grades 8 through 12 “explore marriage bans for same-sex couples within the context of earlier prohibitions, and use these parallels to determine the fairness of those restrictions,” states the plan’s Overview.

“Students listen to the story of an individual who was personally affected by marriage restrictions and fought to change the law in his state. They then analyze similarities and differences in cases that dealt with marriage restrictions and the road to victory.”

Indoctrination, not history

Since the Maryland Department of Education initiated curriculum revisions to include LGBT history on its own, without a state law mandating such changes, there was little opportunity for those opposed to such inclusion to voice objections.

In states where such changes were up for a vote in the state’s legislature, social conservatives did voice their concerns.

New Jersey Family Policy Council President Len Deo protested that the law “infringes on parental rights . . . it erodes the right of parents to discuss this sensitive issue with their children.”

Ken Ham, founder of the Christian apologetics organization, Answers in Genesis, tweeted that “Public (Gov’t) schools have become increasingly anti-Christian churches of secular humanism, indoctrinating generations of kids in moral relativism and evolutionary naturalism.”

Illinois legislator Rep. Darren Bailey objected that the mandate for LGBT school lessons was “indoctrination, not history.

“Forcing that information on five-year-olds and elementary school children is more of an effort of indoctrination than of learning history about individuals who accomplished important discoveries in science or created great works of art,” said Bailey.

Victoria Jalesky, a parental rights activist in New Jersey, was more blunt in her criticism.

“When you teach about George Washington, you don’t teach that George Washington had sex with



Photo: lgbtqhistory.org

The lesson plan, “Gender Roles During the Gold Rush,” teaches California fourth graders about the gender stereotypes back then and how gender roles and stereotypes have changed since the Gold Rush.

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Societal fallout from contraception is staggering, says Smith

By Bob Brown

Contraception has changed our attitude toward life.

Dr. Janet Smith, author of *Contraception: Why Not* and other pro-life classics, explained this observation to an audience of more than one hundred people on September 14 at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore. The talk was the latest in the Basilica's Speaker Series, which began in 2017.

In many past societies, children were welcomed—needed, even. But millions of modern people, especially a disproportionate number in power, no longer see life as a gift. Life is a threat, Smith said, primarily a threat to pleasure.

During her ninety-minute lecture, Smith, who recently retired from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, said that much of the blame falls to contraception.

It's not just children of very early gestational ages, however, who have suffered from the fallout of the contraception bomb. Full-term babies, too, are victims of contraception—as well as elderly people.

How can that be? In the talk, Smith drew on principles from papal encyclicals *Humanae Vitae* and *Evangelium Vitae* to demonstrate the connections among contraception, abortion, and euthanasia.

Some history is in order. The generation that sacrificed itself on Europe's battlefields and the Pacific's waters evidently did not pass that sense of duty on to their children.

Smith did not speculate why the Baby Boomers did a complete 180, coming to value autonomy as the highest virtue. (Perhaps human history shows that selfishness is the



Contraception has drastically changed our attitude toward life, says Dr. Janet Smith.

rule; our WW2 soldiers and their supporting families at home were the exception.)

It's one thing to expect autonomy with moderation, but absurdity to demand that every other autonomy-seeker honor your autonomy above theirs. The trigger that shot selfish autonomy into orbit was the 1965 Supreme Court case *Griswold v. State of Connecticut*, which struck down the ban on contraception for married couples.

Smith did not talk about the adverse effects that contraception, both chemical and prophylactic, have had on marriages and sexual activity in general. For Smith's brilliant analysis of contraception's damage to intimacy and fidelity, interested readers should study *Contraception: Why Not*.

Smith did talk about the damage wrought by the Supreme Court's *Griswold* ruling, in which the justices conjured a right to privacy.

Privacy—the supposed sacredness of any personal act—is not a concept found in the Constitution.

Nevertheless, the majority held that privacy emanated from the penumbra (the dimmest shadows farthest from the real object) of the Constitution. Selfish individualism gained its legal precedent.

Society began to bless many non-biblical forms of sexuality, something Pope Paul VI predicted in *Humanae Vitae* in 1968.

As one no-brainer outcome, pregnancy rates skyrocketed. Children were then seen as obstacles to self-fulfillment.

“Pleasure is more important than life,” Smith said, commenting on the current mindset. Contraception was thought to allow for sex without its natural consequences.

Contraception often fails, however, making abortion “necessary.” The Supreme Court said as much in its 1992 ruling in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey*.

“At the heart of liberty,” the majority opinion declared, “is the right to define one's own concept of existence ... and the mystery of human life.”

Hardly a mystery: The powerful once again oppress the weak, deciding who deserves to live. The so-called right to abortion was further solidified; “health of the mother” loopholes continue to allow the killing of any American preborn child through all nine months of pregnancy.

Fast-forward to 2019: The Democrat-majority House of Representatives repeatedly refused to allow a vote to protect children who are born after surviving abortion. Thus, we see the straight line from contraception to born-children being

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Letter to the Editor

Deacon objects to coverage of Drag Queen Story Hour protest

Dear Defend Life,

I fully appreciate the work you do and how you motivate people to step up and help with defending life either through prayer or actual activism.

I also enjoy reading the periodical and am impressed with the selfless work going on by your active members.

But, I would like a clarification or correction on a statement in the article beginning on page 2 titled “Protesters at MD Drag Queen Story Hour outnumber attendees.”

In paragraph 10 it states, “No priests from the 15 Catholic parishes in St Mary’s County ... attended... .”

I believe this misrepresents

the faith and love our local priests and deacons have for the hearts and minds of our children. The paragraph neglects to enlighten the statement with an accounting of the other activities during that day that prevented our physical support at the event.

As noted in the beginning of the article, the Drag Queen Story Hour occurred on Sunday, June 23, which is also the day our diocese and the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi.

On that particular Sunday, our 15 local priests, assisted by their deacons, were busy celebrating multiple Masses (as per each parish’s schedule) as well as leading liturgical Eucharistic Processions in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. On top of those scheduled events, we also had numerous other events: confession requests, visits to the homebound and dying, house blessings, etc. I myself was scheduled at the local jail ministering to the inmates.

None of our local priests or deacons would have had the time to attend without taking away from their parish duties. Although they couldn’t be there in person, I know each one of them, having an intense love for life, was offering reparations for this event during the Masses and Processions.

(Although I know of one St. Mary’s County parish deacon who bowed out of his duties in order to not only attend the story hour protest, but was firmly asked to leave the library as he was

sprinkling Holy Water and saying blessings while outside the event room. (Which also needs mentioned as part of clarifying paragraph 10)

I feel a little slighted in how our parishes, our priests and our deacons were represented in this article due to the manner in which paragraph 10 is written. It seems to imply that we were not concerned about this event or the negative impact it has on the morality of children.

Please, if you could, take the time to clarify the impact the liturgical events of that day had on the availability of the clergy in St. Mary’s County to let your readers know why only one member of the clergy from our 15 parishes was able to be part of the protest.

We aren’t lazy or disinterested or afraid, we were busy. We would have participated in the protest had this event occurred on a weekday or early on a Saturday.

Please don’t misunderstand this letter, I hope it conveys my love for what you do at Defend Life and for the sacrifice each of you makes, but at the same time, it is a letter of correction to ensure your readers don’t misunderstand the love our priests and deacons in St. Mary’s County have for life and for defending morality.

Thank you again for all you do for the unborn!

Deacon Mike

Deacon Mike Crowe is a deacon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, St. Mary’s County, Md.

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Defend Life Responds

We should unite in public protest to protect innocence of children

Dear Deacon Mike,

Thank-you for your thoughtful letter regarding the article, “Protesters at Md. Drag Queen Story Hour outnumber attendees,” in the July-August 2019 *Defend Life*.

I understand your concerns and will try to reply to them.

Have you ever attended a Drag Queen Story Hour at a public library? I have. I covered Maryland’s first such “Hour” for *Defend Life* at Glen Burnie Public Library (Anne Arundel County) on August 18, 2018.

What I saw there was enough to make a grown man weep.

The large meeting room was packed with little children and their parents—well over 100 people.

The drag queen, a lumbering, overweight man dressed in a blue wig and outlandish women’s clothing and make-up, read a children’s story clearly aimed at inculcating young, impressionable minds with the LGBTQ concept that it’s just fine to be either/or—or *both* genders, even if one of them contradicts your physical attributes.

While their misguided parents laughed and cheered, the children, mostly toddlers to age 6 or 7, gazed up at the drag queen with wide-eyed innocence, imbibing his message that no, God did *not* create us male and female; it’s our choice, whatever we want to be, or however we want to behave.

We at Defend Life are strong proponents of our First Amendment right to free speech.

But when our taxpayer-funded libraries host obscene events designed to exploit the innocence of children by grooming them to accept the homosexual agenda, it’s time to *speak out strongly* in protest.

As a practicing Catholic, I know the importance of a priest’s Sunday duties—especially on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Following your letter, I contacted Fr. Kevin Cusick, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Benedict, Md. (in Charles County). He told me that he came to the June 23 rosary rally at Lexington Park Library at the request of a parishioner, a homeschooling mom of five.

The parishioner, a St. Mary’s County resident, had tried without success to get clergy in St. Mary’s County to participate in the rosary protest.

Father Cusick was able to get about 20 of his parishioners to go with him to the rally. He gives credit for their support to the influence of the Traditional Latin Mass, which is offered at St. Francis.

“We are a small parish,” said Father Cusick. “If a small parish like ours can rally 20 parishioners on short notice, why couldn’t we *all* get together and witness for the faith? If other parishes were to join in such protests, what an impact we could make!”

Father Cusick was able to fulfill his priestly duties, including taking part in his church’s Corpus Christi procession, and still travel a considerable distance to take part in the rosary rally, which was held

from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Father declined to “name names,” but said that he knew two area priests who went to the gym the afternoon of June 23.

The rosary protest was a one-time event, he noted, adding, “We can go to the gym any day of the week!”

Regarding the St. Mary’s County deacon who you said attended the story hour protest and was asked to leave the library when he sprinkled Holy Water outside the event room, I think you may be referring to Deacon Ammon Ripple, deacon at St. John’s Church in Hollywood, Md.

In a September 17 phone call, Deacon Ripple told me that on June 23, he led prayers of reparation before the Blessed Sacrament at St. John’s Church from 2:00-4:00 p.m., reciting the mysteries of the Rosary, in support of those praying the Rosary at the library. He said he did not go to the protest.

Asked whether he sprinkled Holy Water at Lexington Park Library on June 23, he said, “No, that was another occasion.”

Deacon Ripple said he had sprinkled Holy Water outside a public library board meeting back in 2017, at which speakers were advocating a sex ed class for teens at Lexington Park Library.

He said he was escorted out of the library by a library official.

I understand that LGBTQ activists have intimidated the general public through name-

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Chastity: The New Sexual Revolution

Recently I was at an opening day ceremony of **40 Days for Life** on Belair Road just inside the Baltimore Beltway. The abortuary at that location is known as Women's Whole Health. It's in a multi-tenant medium building, tucked away in the far rear corner of a shopping center. It's been there for **40 years** under various names.

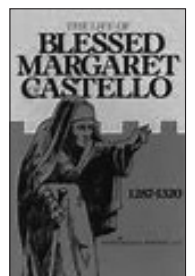
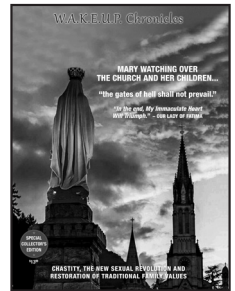
I remarked to a newfound friend my strategy to expose the abortionist, and although a good idea, it would not necessarily end abortion at that location. Owners could simply contract with another abortionist to continue the baby slaughter.

The only real solution is for **persons to live chastely**. This would eliminate **99.9%** of all abortions, which are done for convenience and a whole bunch of other nonsensical reasons. Again, the only real answer is for persons to live chastely. In other words, **no sex outside of marriage!**

Let me tell you about a beautiful, professionally printed, "coffee table" quality magazine entitled, **Chastity, The New Sexual Revolution & Restoration of Traditional Family Values**.

It was the brainchild of my dear friend and long-time pro-lifer **Missy Smith**, who worked for years to produce it. Here are some of the great articles included in it:

- **Feminism and Its Effects on Society**, by long-time hero Jim Fritz
- **Ten Ways to Win the (Spiritual) Battle for Purity**, by Father Ed Broom, OMV
- **Lust Kills ... the Soul**, by Kenneth Henderson, explaining how we must pray incessantly, since the **Devil** never sleeps.
- **The Link Between Love and Oxytocin**, by Michael Weber, MD
- **To the Girl Who Has Already Had Sex Before Marriage**, by Lindsey Maestas
- **Talking to Your Children About Purity**
- **Children Are a Gift From God**, which includes many scriptural passages
- **Battles with Temptation: Saint Gemma's Heroic Chastity and Purity**, taken from a biography by Venerable Father Germanus, CP; it talks about her heroic battle against **Satan**.
- **What the Hook-up Culture Has Done to Women**, by Anne Maloney, a college professor who has counseled women for over 30 years.
- **How Contraception Destroys Love**, taken from Dr. Edward Sri's Book *Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love*
- **24 Quotes about Purity** that every young and old Catholic should know.
- **Bible verses on sexual purity**
- **Great articles on Blessed Margaret of Castello and Saint Philomena**
- **and many other wonderful articles and helpful hints about staying sexually pure.**



It's a great high-gloss, "coffee table" quality book which could change the course of our sexually satiated, increasingly morally corrupt society. I urge you to obtain one of the few remaining copies of the initial limited printing by sending a generous donation of **\$25** or more to: **Wake-Up, Inc., 4000 Cathedral Avenue NW #17-B, Washington, DC 20016.**

Once you have read it, brainstorm with friends and family on ways to get this magazine into every major supermarket and drug store chain in America. In that way, literally millions of copies will be sold and read. And please don't hesitate to call **Missy Smith** at **202-337-1966**, to give her your ideas on finding a **Godly Publisher** and **Distributor** who will fearlessly take on this **Herculean Effort!**

Catherine Connolly — R.I.P.



Catherine went to her eternal reward on August 18. She was one of the first **pro-lifers** I ever met and lived in the same rowhouse community where I have lived since moving to Baltimore in 1977. She was the head of the North Baltimore Pro-Life Study Group (NBPLSG), which hosted wonderful annual luncheons at the Knights of Columbus in Lutherville. Catherine was the quiet organizing principal of NBPLSG, making checklists of sponsors for our annual fundraising luncheon's silent auction table, making telephone calls to them, arranging pickup and drop-offs, rounding up donations from her terrific sons, contacting members to donate food, writing thank-you notes. She helped to get out our newsletter mailing and kept the newsletter editor focused. She was also a constant volunteer at the dozens of pro-life displays at festivals sponsored by NBPLSG.

Here are some of my specific recollections of this great pro-life warrior:

- She was always cheerful and optimistic.
- She was always asking me about what we were doing in **Defend Life**.
- The bus trips she arranged to Annapolis for our **Face the Truth Tour** on the opening day of the Maryland Legislature. Her son Brian owned a bus company. Often he would provide a luxury bus to take us from Baltimore to Annapolis.
- The times she would treat me to dinner at Oak Crest Village, where she lived in her latter years.
- The time we went to hear the **Glenn Miller Orchestra** at the Modell Lyric Concert Hall in Baltimore. She loved **Big Band Music**.



Catherine grew up in Yonkers, a near-north suburb of New York City, where she attended a wonderful Catholic girls' school. She told me about the time that she and some classmates played hooky and took the subway to downtown Manhattan to watch a movie. All went well until they discovered that they did not have enough money for the return trip to Yonkers, and had to plead with an Irish cop who gladly gave them the needed funds.

In the early years of air travel, Catherine was a stewardess for an airline that flew DC-3's between New York and Chicago.

One of the traits I most loved about Catherine was the feistiness she shared with fellow New Yorkers like Saint Frances Cabrini, Chris Slattery, Rabbi Jedhuah Levin, Congressman Andy Harris, Sheila Wharam, Father Frank Pavone, and the late Notre Dame law professor Charlie Rice.



She was a fighter! She did it all with a smile! She was an inspiration! Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

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tossed in a trashcan.

“Crimes against life,” Smith said, “are legitimate expressions of individual freedom” in the contraception-abortion era.

If a baby can be killed because she or he is inconvenient, then so can anyone else deemed a drain on society, such as the elderly and medically vulnerable. Various factions in society have taken up a campaign to persuade the elderly to take drugs to end their lives.

Since pleasure (autonomy’s motivator) has been idealized, pain must be avoided at all costs—even at the ultimate cost. Sufferers should end their suffering, and so-called caretakers shouldn’t have to put up with it either.

But octogenarians aren’t the only ones receiving this message, which the medical community by-and-large endorses. Young people are drinking this poisonous teaching, too.

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his wife and what he did; we teach what George Washington did as a president,” she told the *Daily Signal*.

Getting to the basis for the opposition to teaching LGBT history in public schools, Laurie Higgins, cultural writer for the Illinois Family Institute, commented, “The foundational issue is the leftist presuppositions about the nature and morality of homosexual activity.

“The left relies on the assumption that homosexuality and opposite-sex identification are analogous to race, which is absurd. This is when education is transformed into indoctrination.”

“Why can’t I kill myself if I become inconvenient?” Smith asked, speaking from a confused teenager’s perspective.

Tragically but predictably, absolute autonomy is a two-edged sword. Putting oneself above all others seems to be the best way to get what you want, but it leads to people rejecting one another, Smith said. People don’t care for their neighbor, and when they’re in trouble, they have no one to turn to.

All of society is affected by the contraception-abortion-euthanasia connection, not just those who engage in these practices.

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pamphlets or flyers on topics such as “5 Smart Steps to Good Sex,” “How to Use an Internal Condom,” “Your Guide to Lube,” “How to Use a Dental Dam,” and “Hot Tips on Flavored Condoms and Lube.”

Advised by the director of Media Relations at Towson University, Matt Palmer, to direct any questions on the health center through Media Relations, the reporter submitted email questions to him on September 11, but has received no reply.

Ritter—who happens to be a Towson University alumnus herself—is not happy with TU’s animus toward Pregnancy Center North.

“Towson University’s Health Center has been refusing to allow us to market to the students for many years, and it’s on-going—they will carry and distribute Planned Parenthood information, but not ours,” said Ritter.

“It’s a public university and therefore it should give students access to *all* resources available to them,” she declared.

Smith explained the trajectory. In a godless culture, crimes—such as abortion and sodomy—become legal rights. Those legal rights become fundamental human rights, which then morph into obligations that society owes to any claimant.

In some states, medical professionals opposed to abortion must assist in the procedure or lose their job; pharmacists opposed to contraceptives face a similar penalty.

Businesses owned by Christians are pressured to wave the LGBTQ banner or face discrimination charges. Incarcerated felons are suing state governments to pay for their sex-change operations, making prison an even more dangerous place for a woman when she must bunk with a man.

Along the way, not only are immoral rights enshrined, but legitimate rights are upended.

Smith mentioned that when she grew up, few sports were available in school for girls. Women fought hard to have an equal opportunity to play a wider variety of sports at the high school and college levels.

Now, said Smith, all it takes is three men who identify as women competing in a women’s sporting event to guarantee that one of the men win.

“It’s sad,” she reflected.

Happiness is found, Smith concluded, in recognizing that we are made in the image of God. Our Creator has indeed endowed us with certain inalienable rights, but He also laid upon us certain duties—to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul, and body, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. He gave us moral laws that reflect His holiness.

Obedience to God’s laws does not take away our freedom, but protects us from destroying ourselves and others.

Book Review

How corrupt and cowardly bishops betrayed the Church

By Diane Levero

Back in 1972, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI warned, “Through some fissure, the smoke of Satan has entered the temple of God.”

In other words, the Devil was not just attacking the Catholic Church from the outside; he had penetrated the citadel and was wreaking havoc from within.

In *The Smoke of Satan*, veteran Catholic journalist and author Philip Lawler offers a comprehensive, unflinching assessment of the current crisis in the Church.

This crisis is generally viewed as one of sexual abuse by priests and bishops; but Lawler makes it clear that the damage is much more massive.

“Our bishops have betrayed our trust,” he declares; “a deep and pervasive corruption within the hierarchy has been exposed . . . Catholic doctrine has become blurred, moral practice lax, and discipline within the ranks virtually non-existent.”

Faithful American Catholics were horrified when the cover-ups by bishops of priestly sexual abuse were brought to light in 2002, notes Lawler.

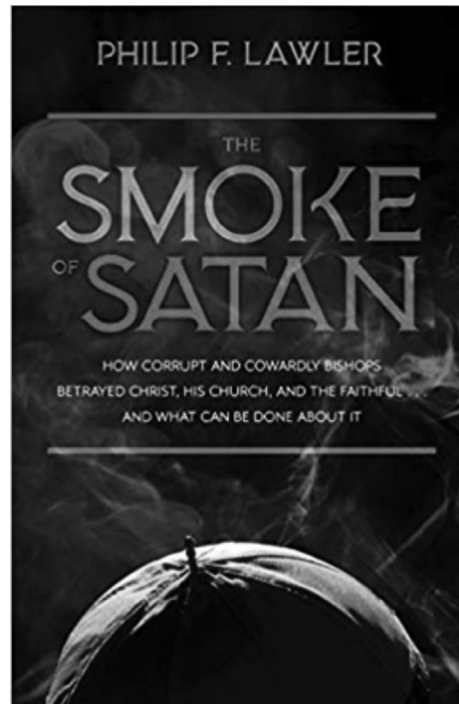
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops responded by enacting the Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, chief spokesman for the USCCB, reassured the laity that all would be well.

But in the summer of 2018 the

sexual scandal in the Church erupted once again—this time, on many fronts.

Cardinal McCarrick—long rumored as notorious for taking seminarians to bed at his beach house—formally resigned as a cardinal after a substantiated complaint of his sexual abuse of an altar boy.



In August, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania released its devastating grand jury report, covering seventy years of clerical sexual abuse of children in heartrending detail.

Shortly after the Pennsylvania report, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former apostolic nuncio in Washington, revealed that Pope Francis had known about McCarrick’s sexual misconduct, but still made him a top adviser and “kingmaker.”

Vigano wrote bluntly about “homosexual networks” in the Vatican—a “lavender mafia”—and named names.

The revelations of the summer of 2018 absolutely shattered the already damaged credibility of the American bishops, says Lawler.

“The bishops lost our confidence because, as a group, they were—and were shown to be—dishonest: they told lies, tolerated the abuse of children, and allowed sexual predators to serve on the altar.”

Further fueling the anger of conservative Catholics is the fact that not only do bishops ignore complaints of priestly sex abuse, but complaints about liturgical abuses and even sacrilege are also usually ignored, says Lawler.

He cites, as one example, the refusal of most bishops to comply with Canon Law 915 and deny Communion to politicians who “obstinately persist in manifest grave sin” by supporting pro-abortion laws.

A major cause of the bishops’ “leadership crisis” is their ingrained habit of avoiding, ignoring, or denying controversial issues, contends Lawler.

It’s a normal human tendency to avoid unpleasant confrontations, he points out.

Add to this that the role of a bishop or priest is to unite his flock, not to divide.

But for the past fifty years, deep divisions have arisen among the Catholic faithful.

Since 1968, when Pope Paul VI’s encyclical *Humanae Vitae*

condemned artificial contraception, dissent has become commonplace, not only on contraception, but on homosexuality, same-sex marriage, divorce and abortion.

In addition, for multiple reasons, “Mass attendance has plummeted; tens of thousands of priests and religious have abandoned their vocations; the Eucharistic liturgy has become a source of division rather than unity; and religious education has been ‘dumbed down,’ ” says Lawler.

The bishops have strained to cope with these multiple crises without ever acknowledging them, he argues; they have been treated as problems to be managed rather than challenges to be confronted courageously, head-on.

Lawler has harsh words to say about the squandering of the magnificent patrimony of the Catholic faith: its rich literature and oral traditions; the stories of martyrs, saints and heroes; the art and architecture, music, poetry and drama.

After Vatican II, “a legacy that had been built up for centuries was tossed aside. Statues and altar carvings disappeared from churches, eventually to be replaced by cheap felt banners and butcher-block tables,” he observes.

Worst of all, he bemoans, the beauty and majesty of the Mass itself has been diminished by demeaning

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calling and serious pressure tactics so successfully that few are willing to speak out in fear of retaliation.

I personally know a layman who spoke against the LGBTQ movement and was fired from his job for doing so.

But the Church tells us that two Spiritual Works of Mercy are to “Instruct the ignorant” and “Admonish sinners.”

Jesus said it would be better for a man “if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea, than if he should cause one of these little ones to sin.”

Prayer *inside* a church is good and necessary.

But like Father Cusick, I would love to see our clergy join with their

parishioners who courageously pray in reparation and protest in public venues.

The time has come when both laymen and clergy must protest *publicly* against grave sins in society— “in season and out of season,” as St. Paul says.

There may be a price to pay.

But we need to take courage and speak out, remembering Our Lord’s words: “Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven!”

Diane Levero, Editor
Defend Life

banalities and the casual attitudes of many priests.

Lawler recognizes that the spectacular breakdown in American secular culture and family life hasn’t helped.

“Compare the situation today with the America of the 1950s, when legal abortion was unthinkable, homosexuality was unmentionable, divorce was unrespectable and illegitimate births unusual,” he points out.

He argues, however, that it was the decline of Catholicism that caused the decline of our culture, not the reverse.

But Lawler believes that all is not lost.

He quotes Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who urged, “Who is going to save our Church? Do not look to the priests. Do not look to the bishops. It’s up to you, the laity, to remind our priests to be priests and our bishops to be bishops.”

Lawler offers a helpful list of do’s and don’ts for lay Catholics.

Most of us are not in a position to effect dramatic changes within the Church, he admits. We can’t right every wrong or expect instantaneous change.

But within our own purview, “We all can recognize and honor the truth. We all can reject the lies, and we can all, yes all of us, strive to be saints.”

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In My Humble Opinion

Lack of clergy support for pro-lifers starts at the top

By Janet Baker

In our pro-life efforts we have had to deal with opposition external to the church. While we have received some tepid assistance from the clergy, we have generally written that off to cowardice or ignorance.

Now we see that something more sinister is at play and it goes all the way to the top—all the way.

The signs were there all along, albeit subtly at first. Lately they have become so blatant that they have made national news.

The Archdiocese of Washington watched as two previous prelates were forced to resign over their roles in the sex scandal. Theodore McCarrick's behaviors were so monstrous that he was reduced to the lay state and is now sequestered in a mid-west priory.

The current prelate, Archbishop Wilton Gregory, showed his own gay-leaning sympathies during a "Theology on Tap" session last month when he sang the praises of "Fortunate Families," a dissident, gay-enabling organization (restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com/2019/08/rossi-to-be-investigated-and-absp.html).

In Baltimore, Archbishop Lori continues to look the other way as St. Matthews on Loch Raven Boulevard continues to poison the souls of its parishioners with gay propaganda.

On the east side of the Chesapeake, journalist George Neumayr exposed the fact that on the marriage tribunal of the Diocese of Wilmington sits an ex-priest who considers himself "married" to his

accomplice in sodomy.

I could continue this sad litany, but you get my drift. They say that "the rotting of the fish starts from the head." Many parishes are undergoing that rot now.

To be certain, there are parishes out in the MD/DC area that hold on to Catholic faith and morals, but they are facing pressures from "on high," of which many of the pastors cannot speak openly.

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Such are some of the reasons why pro-life activists seeking to operate within the context of their parish life are finding themselves restricted.

How many times have we begged for more than one pro-life homily beyond "respect life month"? We receive less than that when it comes to preaching on the evils of contraception.

And heaven help the pro-life activists who find that their pastor is honoring a prominent pro-abortion person on parish grounds! Regarding that previous sentence, I've picketed enough of these events at a number of local parishes.

As I said, quite a few parishes still remain faithful to Catholic doctrine

and morals. Still, it would be wise not to limit one's pro-life activities to those sponsored by the parish pro-life committee.

It behooves the serious activist to engage in activities beyond the scope of the parish and diocese. Even the boundaries of the most favorable parish are quite narrow. So how does one accomplish this?

The first step in this endeavor is, of course, prayer. Please make sure that you are partaking frequently of the Sacraments and praying. After Holy Mass, the prayer par excellence is the Rosary. If you aren't already doing so, please pray that daily—either by yourself or with others.

Our Lady of Fatima requested that as a means of combatting evil and doing reparation for the multitude of sins such as abortion, contraception and other sins against life and marriage.

Second, you will want to seek out information and education. Let's face it; the information you need will *not* be found in the *Standard* nor the *Review* nor the *Dialog*.

However, there are a plethora of good sources of Catholic and pro-life information on the internet. There are LifeSiteNews.com, LepantoIn.org, and ChurchMilitant.tv. I'll even put in a shameless plug for my own blog, RestoreDCCatholicism.blogspot.com.

And of course there is the excellent newsletter that you are reading this very instant. Others are out there, but they are too numerous to list; many of them are linked on

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Opinion

The root of the problem: Those who hate God love death

By Bob Brown

Abortion-on-demand and euthanasia exist in a culture of death, pro-lifers say. If this really gloomy diagnosis is even half accurate, why do so few people agree or sense alarm?

A verse in Proverbs 8 jumped out and grabbed my attention the other day, and it may provide an answer.

Let's start with the nature of the disagreement—to put it civilly. For the average non-Christian, the highest good is personal autonomy, also known as privacy.

As a disciple of the mainstream media, the secular man smiles upon any consensual adult sexual behavior—the most recognizable, but not only, manifestation of autonomy today.

“Live and let live,” he says, “and let me have mine.” He doesn't believe in a divine God, although he expects the government to shepherd him along his personal pursuit of happiness.

Christians, on the other hand, understand that goodness and happiness exist only in alignment with God's policies. Believers know that faith in Christ, obedience to Scripture, fellowship in the Church, and loyalty to and within biblical marriages are the things that are vital to life.

We have problems, too, but (outside of certain illnesses and natural disasters) they come when we stray from God.

The fact is, though, our nation has flouted God's moral law. We've again shattered the Ten Commandments,

not out of frustration as Moses did, but in glee. The result is widespread disregard for human life.

Abortionists, suicide-assisting physicians, and gun-wielding murderers barely cause most people to raise an eyebrow. Only a few mass shootings qualify as horrific.

The fact is, it's routine now to dispose of any person deemed inconvenient or unappealing, especially the weak and vulnerable. And it's routine to look the other way when it happens. That is a culture of death.

Christians know that abortion, euthanasia, sexual abuse, homegrown

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terrorism, and domestic violence (to name a few) are branches on the same tree. And we know that their *root* cause is not a mental health crisis nor political stagnancy in Washington; those things simply fertilize the bad fruit. It's sin. It's a hatred of God.

And what do those who hate God love? Read the last verse of Proverbs 8. “All those who hate me love death.” The “me” is wisdom, but except for a verse or two, the entire chapter sounds like Christ speaking about Himself. After all, 1 Corinthians 1:30 says Christ Jesus is “wisdom from God.”

Proverbs 8:36 is an analysis

of the human condition worth our contemplation: Those who hate godly wisdom, who reject Christ, love death. Their desires aren't just “a little off.” They *love* death. They celebrate death. They promote death. The death of the innocent does not faze those who hate God.

There's no reason to think that this passion for death has been satiated. Death is big entertainment: Video games cheapen killing, and mainstream movies and television shows glamorize death.

In real life, it's taken less than fifty years to go from criminal penalties for abortion to allowing babies who are born to be tossed into trashcans! Physician-assisted suicide is legal in only a number of states so far, but is seen broadly as a compassionate choice.

Look around: Where do you see happiness? Where do you read of anyone speaking about joy?

People think they're pursuing life, liberty, and happiness, but they're slaves to sin. Slaves to sin toil for death, not life. They pursue their own death and the death of others. “Wide,” Jesus said, “*Wide* is the path that leads to destruction.”

How should Christians respond? We must continue to advocate for life-respecting laws. Science, applied correctly, is on our side. Ultrasounds speak loudly of life.

We must hone our persuasive arguments—and be ready to give an answer. Logic, employed correctly, is on our side. Human beings are persons from contraception, for such is the continuity of life.

But science and logic are not

enough, for they are tools, not values. In gentleness, we must tell people the truth about their most important relationship, the one with their Maker. They hate God—and in doing so, they love death.

But God loves them! We must point death's lovers to Christ, for He rose from the dead to conquer all sin and death! Jesus is wisdom—and as Creator, He's also science and logic. Jesus is the *living hope* for those who don't know that they love death.

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the sources already given.

You will want to network with like-minded individuals. Other pro-life people in your parish might well be happy to join you. Else, you can attend some of the lectures sponsored by Defend Life.

Another avenue of pro-life activism and networking is the 40 Days for Life campaign. This is an effort whereby grass-roots proliferators go in front of abortion mills and pray. Ideally there are always two or more present. Their website is 40daysforlife.com. After loading the site, you can follow links to local activities.

I wasn't active in the early years of the pro-life movement, but I understand that its origins were largely grass roots. Few and far between were the clergy who supported and still stand with us.

Now it is more than ever evident that we cannot rely on direction nor support from our chanceries. Even if such were offered from the local ones, we would have to be careful lest any strings be attached.

For now we will have to operate independently of hierarchal support and/or direction.

Beware of the So-Called Equality Act

The following are excerpts from "Fear, Silence and Inaction: Eroding Catholic Civil Rights," by Bob Marshall, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates (see lepantoin.org/fear-silence-and-inaction-eroding-catholic-civil-rights).

The so-called Equality Act, HR 5, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 17, 2019, would fundamentally and radically alter Civil Rights Law to prohibit "discrimination" based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

Pro-life and pro-family organizations, as well as the U.S. Catholic Bishops, have warned that the Equality Act would:

- Require faith-based hospitals, doctors and nurses to participate in and/or to perform or assist with abortions or lose their medical licenses.
- Require tax funding of all abortions without restrictions.
- Mandate that any entity that provides health care for pregnancy and childbirth be required to provide abortion as a "related medical condition."
- Decertify Catholic and Christian schools from satisfying state compulsory attendance laws if they refuse to adopt LGBTQ policies, treating religious schools as "hate groups" comparable to the Ku Klux Klan.
- Forbid groups like the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Charities and Christian non-profits from receiving community block grants from local governments for housing for the disabled or seniors unless they accommodate

the LGBTQ agenda.

- Prohibit Catholic schools and parishes from obtaining construction loans from federally chartered banks or savings institutions unless the schools and churches implement the LGBTQ agenda including hiring active homosexual and transgender teachers in same sex "marriages."
- Remove children from the legal custody of their parents if they try to prevent their minor children from taking cancer-causing, puberty-blocking drugs or cross-sex hormones recommended by school counselors or provided by social welfare agencies.
- Remove the tax-exempt status of Catholic churches and agencies if they fail to "celebrate" same-sex "weddings."

The "Equality Act" is one egregious example of sexual progressives stepping up efforts to exclude from the public square those who live by the moral teachings of Moses and Jesus. Anyone who disagrees or questions the LGBTQ agenda, abortion and "reproductive rights" is described as guilty of depravity, bigotry and hatred.

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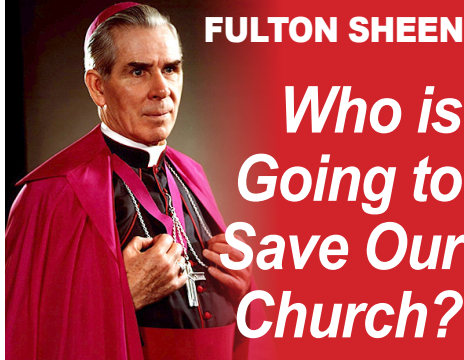
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