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Planned Parenthood, allies escalate war on pro-lifers

The leather-jacketed “pro-choice escort” in front of Baltimore’s Planned Parenthood abortion facility on January 16 ripped off his orange escort vest and, swaying from side to side, walked slowly toward John Neale until his face was inches from the pro-lifer’s.

He shoved his chest against Neale’s, pushing him in an attempt to force him backward.

“I’m off the clock now, bitch,” he said in measured tones. “None of your s—t. I don’t care if I ever come back to volunteer. I’ll ruin you today.”

“You’ll probably be ruining yourself!” Neale retorted.

“I’m perfectly good,” the escort snapped. “You’re not the first one I’ve f----g taken down a notch. It won’t be the f----g last.”

Neale chuckled in derision.

“John, back off from him!” cried a woman pro-lifer.

“I need to back off? I think *he* needs to back off!” Neale exclaimed. “I have every right to be where I’m standing—this gentleman is encroaching on *me*.”

Then he turned his attention back to the escort. “So what are you trying to do, trying to push me some more, so I have to push back? I know your game!”

Minutes passed as the escort continued his “in-your-face” assault



A screen shot from a video by pro-lifer John Neale (left) captures the “in-your-face” assault on him by a “pro-choice escort” in front of Planned Parenthood in Baltimore.

in menacing silence, or broke the silence with further threats and obscenities.

The confrontation (which ended with the arrival of a police officer) had begun when Neale gave a woman on her way into the abortion clinic a “Blessing Bag” containing a pro-life brochure, and the escort tried to grab it from her.

“Don’t let him take that from you!” Neale had yelled.

“This jerk is the foulest-mouthed person down there,” said John Roswell, leader of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, whose members regularly volunteer at the abortion clinic.

“He has physically attacked a priest there, and threatened to at-

tack me and others on numerous occasions.”

The next day, January 17, it was Roswell’s turn to be attacked.

A plumber, coming to do work at Planned Parenthood, saw three new signs that Roswell had just set up, showing healthy 6- and 9-week-old unborn babies.

“Are these signs legal?” the plumber yelled angrily.

He started violently kicking one of the signs.

Roswell rushed over, shouting, “You can’t do that!”

The plumber turned and shoved the pro-lifer with both hands, pushing him back a couple of feet.

“You just assaulted me!” cried Roswell.

His attacker raised a pipe wrench he was holding as if to use it as a weapon. Roswell pulled out a can of mace from his pocket that he carries routinely for protection at the abortion facility.

Roswell called the police and reported the assault. Three police officers arrived about an hour later, after the plumber had done his work and left.

The three escorts and a maintenance man all insisted to the police that Roswell had started the incident by pushing the plumber first.

As the officer in charge was leaving, he quietly told Roswell, “Keep up the good work!”

Just five days later, the pro-lifers received a non-physical assault on their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech.

When Roswell arrived at the abortion facility on January 22,

as he began setting up his pro-life signs, he was accosted by two men who had apparently been waiting for his arrival.

They were in plain clothes, but wore badges identifying them as working for the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development.

One of them told Roswell that any sign touching city property, even just setting on the ground, must have a permit. He warned the pro-lifer that he would be fined \$500 per day if he set up his signs.

“And we can confiscate them,” the other official added.

A business card one of the men gave Roswell identified him as an investigator with the Baltimore City Housing Department.

When Roswell asked to see a copy of the law, they said they didn’t have it with them, but would



An abortion “escort” flaunts a pro-life flyer that she took from a woman and ripped up.

send him a copy.

As the pro-lifer began taking his signs back to his truck, he saw the two men go into the Planned Parenthood building.

Roswell believes that the ordinances (which one of the investigators eventually sent him) are designed to deal with commercial signs and not with signs temporarily used in the expression of free speech.

He has consulted with an attorney with the Thomas More Society, who has promised to help him.

When pro-lifers are able to give a brochure or flyer to a woman, an escort often grabs it from her and tears it up.

On January 31 a *Defend Life* reporter tried to take photos of the escorts blocking the pro-lifers’ attempts to hand out brochures to women.

A security guard standing at the entrance of Planned Parenthood shouted to the reporter, “What you’re doing is illegal! The police



Another ambulance called to Planned Parenthood
Shortly before police arrived on January 31, the abortion facility had to call for an ambulance to aid a woman scheduled for an abortion who reportedly was suffering from a panic attack

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Ambo transports woman from Planned Parenthood—again

The shrill wail of an ambulance siren coming down Mulberry Street grabbed the attention of pro-lifers in front of Planned Parenthood on Howard Street in Baltimore at 11:30 on the morning of December 18.

Lights flashing, the ambulance pulled up at the corner of Mulberry and Howard streets. Two paramedics hopped out and wheeled a gurney in the front door of the abortion facility.

Shortly afterwards, a fire truck pulled in front of the building and three men—one carrying a stack of boxes—exited the truck and also entered the clinic.

Minutes later, medics emerged, bearing a sheet-covered patient on the gurney, loaded her into the ambulance and drove off.

The pro-lifers were alarmed but not surprised: just two months earlier, on October 2, they had witnessed an ambulance call for another client at the same location.

A day after the December 18 event, *Defend Life* emailed a request for copies of all 911 emergency communications from the Howard Street facility on that date.

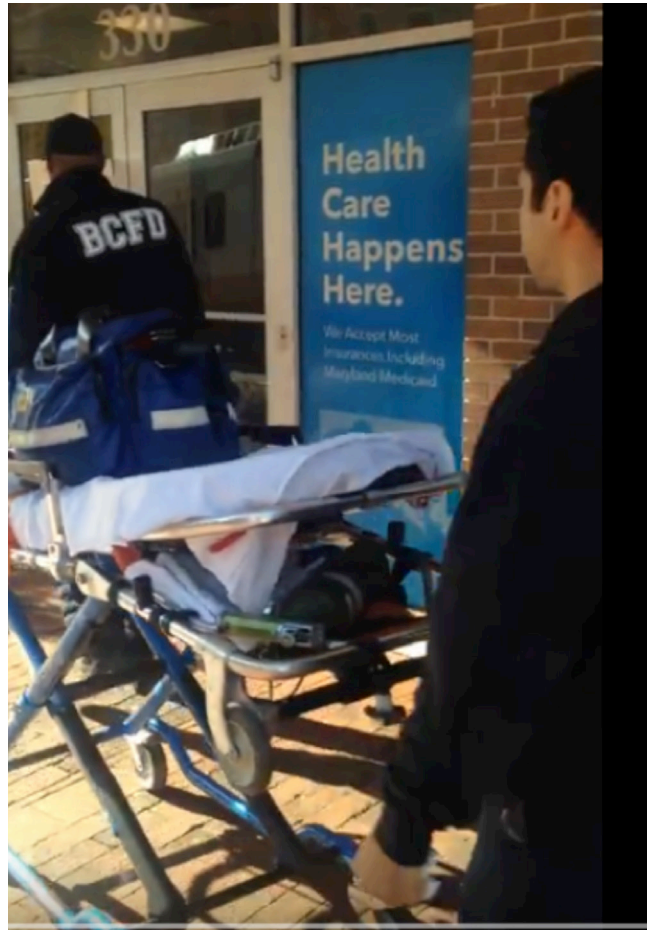
The BCFD emailed audio and printed files of the event, but so heavily redacted that there was no information on what had caused the ambulance to be called.

Defend Life forwarded the files and videos of the incident to Operation Rescue.

The pro-life investigative organization was able to obtain an audio copy of the dispatch.

“I adjusted the tempo and volume on the recording and heard very clearly, ‘Hemorrhage, 21 Bravo 1,’” OR’s Cheryl Sullenger told *Defend Life*.

“That alpha-numeric code [21-B-1] is a standard EMS determinate



Baltimore City Fire Department paramedics wheel a gurney into Planned Parenthood to transport a woman suffering a hemorrhage after an abortion.

code that informs responders of the nature and severity of the medical emergency,” Sullenger explained in her January 28 story on Operation-Rescue.com.

“The number 21 represents the general reason for the emergency, which was a hemorrhage. The ‘Bravo’ code indicates a Basic Life Support ambulance was needed to run ‘hot,’ using lights and sirens.

“The final number gave more specific information about the hemorrhage. In this case, it represented ‘possibly dangerous hemorrhage.’

“Hemorrhaging is a life-threatening condition that is the most common abortion complication for which ambulances are called,” she concluded.

Sidewalk Advocate for Life leader John Roswell reported several oth-

er noteworthy incidents in December.

On December 13, said Roswell, a woman had to be helped across the street because she could hardly walk after her surgical abortion.

And on December 19, another woman left, grimacing in pain, grasping her abdomen and having so much difficulty in walking that a man almost twice her size was having a hard time getting her down the sidewalk to his car.

“There must be a real butcher working in that place,” observed Roswell.

***Our Hearts are Restless
O Lord, Until They
Rest in Thee.***
ST. AUGUSTINE

Planned Parenthood ejects distraught mother from premises

Planned Parenthood employees ordered a very distraught mother to leave the abortion facility on Howard Street in Baltimore, refusing to let her talk to her daughter who, the mother believed, was being forced to have an abortion by her gun-carrying boyfriend.

Once out on the sidewalk, the mother yelled angrily at the security guard and maintenance man who had ordered her to leave and were standing just inside the facility's glass front door.

Then she called the police on her cell phone to report what had happened.

Defend Life filed a formal request for a copy of the police report on the incident, which occurred on December 13, but received a January 2 letter from the Baltimore Police Department stating, "No report was written for this offense."

However, several members of Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) who often stand outside the abortion facility offered accounts of what they witnessed that day.

"I heard [the mother] talk to the 911 operator," said SAFL volunteer Dick Schaefer.

"She said, 'I'm her mother! They threw me out. . . . My daughter is fearful of her boyfriend. He's been known to carry a gun. He pulls it on her.'"

The mother "embellished on the fact that the boyfriend has threatened her daughter" in the past, said Schaefer.

The pro-lifer said he saw the mother in the vestibule talking to the security guard and maintenance man.

"I don't know if she got any further than the vestibule," he noted.



A mother (right) who had been ejected from Planned Parenthood while trying to see her daughter talks to two police officers as pro-lifer Dick Schaefer looks on.

"She was demanding to see some administrator. But I heard the guard tell her that there was no one in authority to talk to her.

"They would not get any higher-ups to deal with her. They told her to leave the property and she went outside."

Not long after the mother called the police, said SAFL volunteer John Neale, a man in his late teens or early twenties, who had been inside the facility, appeared in the vestibule and began talking with the guard and the maintenance man.

"He was kind of thin and had on jogging pants," Neale recalled.

Schaefer thought he looked a little desperate.

"He came out, paused on the sidewalk, and looked in a couple directions like he was trying to decide which way to go," said Schaefer.

"Then he crossed Howard Street and headed east on Mulberry. He didn't run—but he wasn't going out

for a smoke!"

"He started walking at a fast pace up Mulberry Street," agreed Neale.

About ten minutes after the man left, the police arrived. The mother had gone to wait in her car until the police came.

"They didn't look for her; they went straight in" the building, said Schaefer. They talked to the guard and the maintenance man in the vestibule.

The young man who had walked out earlier returned and went inside while the police were still there.

When the police left the building, the mother got out of her car and said to them, "Hey, you didn't forget about me, did you?" said Neale. One of the officers replied, "Well, let's talk."

"Later, the police officer told me that the young man said he had to

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In My Humble Opinion

Faithful Catholics must fight to avert planned sacrilege in Md.

By Janet Baker

In early January of 2020, the Episcopal church of Virginia planned to “ordain” a woman as one of their “bishops” in Williamsburg, Va.

I don’t know who made the first overture, but Bishop Barry Knestout, prelate of the Diocese of Richmond, agreed to let them use a local Catholic church, St Bede’s, for their event.

Please note two major issues with this event:

1. Pretenses notwithstanding, no ordination would have occurred, for the Episcopalians do not have valid sacraments nor do they have apostolic succession.
2. Even if they did have valid sacraments and apostolic succession, this planned “sacrament” lacked valid matter. No woman can receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Therefore, what Bishop Knestout did was give license to Episcopalians to commit sacrilege in a Catholic church.

Faithful Catholics local to the area got wind of this and mobilized immediately. They organized a Facebook page and contacted faithful Catholic social media personnel.

Both the Lepanto Institute and Church Militant publicized this planned mess and urged action.

A Rosary rally and protest was scheduled to occur at the church during the same time as the sacrilege. Secular media was abuzz with the news.

Very soon thereafter, the Episcopal church decided to change their venue away from Catholic property.

Clearly, a sacrilege was averted because good Catholics essentially said that they wouldn’t just sit by and let Our Lord be outraged by this travesty: they raised their voices loud and clear and made the Richmond diocese feel the heat.

This is not the first time that faithful Catholics have been suc-

New Ways Ministry has scheduled a retreat for ‘gay’ priests in Marriottsville, Md. on April 14-16.

cessful in preventing blasphemy and/or sacrilege, nor will it be the last.

Indeed, another opportunity for action looms on the horizon in Marriottsville, Md.

Father James Martin, S.J., has long had the unsavory reputation as a priest who has gone to great lengths to normalize the mortal sin of sodomy—that is, perversion of the homosexual variety.

Father Martin has made no secret of his beliefs. Unfortunately, under this current papacy, he has enjoyed rather unbridled liberty in his activities, having been assigned a key position in the Vatican’s communication office.

Martin is headquartered at Georgetown University, itself a

snake pit of dissidence. He often works with New Ways Ministry, a gay-enabling organization in Maryland that calls itself Catholic but has been condemned by the Archdiocese of Washington.

He has thrown his support behind a retreat for “gay” priests organized by New Ways Ministry, to be held April 14-16 at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville.

The retreat facilitator is Father Peter Daly, another dissident who continues to try to make sodomy acceptable.

Like Martin, Daly makes no secret of his hell-bound beliefs, having gone so far as to publish accounts of his gay-enabling efforts conducted while a pastor at St. John Vianney in Prince Frederick, Md.

He was also a columnist for the *Catholic Standard*, and I believe he still is for the *National Catholic Reporter*, where he has published much of his pro-perversion screeds.

For its own part, Bon Secours in Marriottsville has been its own den of perversion.

In the November-December issue of *Defend Life*, you read of the scandal of Gordon Creamer, the openly “gay-married” guy who is currently chair of the parish council of St. Ignatius Church in Baltimore.

His “day job” is director of “Mission Bridge” and he operates out of—you guessed it!—Bon Secours. He touts himself as a spiritual director and reiki master.

One wonders just what kind of “spiritual direction” can come from someone living in an objective state

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Md. legislature is poised to pass physician-assisted suicide law

By **Loretta Hoffman**

The Maryland General Assembly is now in session for 2020. It appears that some lobbyists and legislators will continue down the path leading to the deaths of the most vulnerable in our society: the unborn, disabled and elderly.

Advocates of proposed laws to advance abortion until birth, infanticide, and physician-assisted suicide (PAS) expect them to be passed. If that happens, all of us will become vulnerable, and our entire society will be impacted and continue to build a “Culture of Death”!

We are now at a crossroads: to choose life or to choose death. Let us defend and support life!

According to an article entitled: “Assisted Suicide is the Wrong Prescription,” by Dr. Joseph Marine, a member of the American Medical Association and an associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, the AMA’s current position is that “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer and would be difficult or impossible to control and would pose serious societal risks.”

Other medical associations concur with this statement.

Countries around the world, including Canada, have expanded their PAS laws to permit euthanasia (voluntary and involuntary).

The indoctrination of people via false information is gradually changing the mindsets of our people. Many are being deceived into acceptance of the idea that those who are physically, mentally, or emotionally disabled, as well as the elderly or those deemed to be no longer valuable contributors to

society, should be guided to seek PAS or euthanasia.

Shockingly, in some cases where such laws have been passed, there is no personal choice, and some doctors and other health-care professionals are being forced to prescribe poison pills to their patients or to inject them with chemicals that will kill them.

In fact, sometimes family members choose this path to end another person’s life against their will because it’s legal.

Many proponents of PAS are working endlessly to legalize phy-

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sician-assisted suicide. Maryland came very close to passing such a law last year.

Now, advocates of these laws in the Maryland legislature are working hard to pass these laws during its 2020 session. It’s up to people who love, respect and support life to stop them!

There are many reasons to oppose this dangerous legislation:

PAS is not medical care, nor is it necessary.

Bills entitled Death with Dignity, End of Life Options, or MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) are deceptive.

If passed, people will lose trust in their physicians. Supposed “safeguards” are illusions.

Death certificates are altered and deceptive. For example, physicians

may not designate that PAS is what caused a person’s death.

Doctors are being forced to engage in this deception even though they took the Hippocratic Oath to “do no harm”!

In addition, there is no oversight of abuses by doctors, other health care workers or institutions, and no investigation of heirs who may be implicated in forcing someone to be killed by PAS. Such people will literally be getting away with murder!

Many articles online reveal that these misguided and evil things are happening in other countries that have legalized physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Our Canadian neighbors are beginning to experience many horrors because of these laws being passed there.

Many health-care institutions, including religious ones, are also being forced to participate in the killing of their patients since physician-assisted suicide laws were passed.

Medical personnel are being denied their former rights to practice medicine and health-care in accord with their consciences too, forcing many to resign as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc.

What was once considered a crime has now become acceptable as a result of PAS laws being passed in these countries. Do we really want this to happen in our own country and in our own state?

We must not succumb to obfuscations like “compassion” and “choices.” Verbal engineering always precedes social engineering.

Compassion does not mean to kill someone; it means to suffer with someone. There is no dignity in killing oneself or another. We have dig-

nity because of being created by God. If we choose this treacherous path to death, there will be no turning back!

Advocates for life oppose these proposed laws in Maryland and encourage all of us to vigorously oppose them by writing to their legislators in Annapolis as soon as possible, demanding that they vote no on them.

Let us also get to work in building a new “Culture of Life” for everyone! As St. John Paul II said, “May a great

prayer for life arise in our hearts today and each day forward...until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love” (*Evangelium Vitae* 100).

Loretta Hoffman is a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and has been a dedicated advocate for life since Roe v. Wade. She has written articles for Defend Life and other publications and has spoken to

Catholic women’s and student organizations and seminars at universities and other venues.

She has founded Respect Life committees in churches in Baltimore County and is a co-founder of a Respect Life council. She does research, development and organizing of educational events, conducting several town-hall type gatherings, and has testified against PAS legislation in Annapolis.

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of mortal sin. Reiki is a very dangerous New Age practice, but when you consider that Bon Secours comes complete with a labyrinth, why, he just fits right in!

Bon Secours flaunts its façade of “catholicity.” Therefore, Archbishop William Lori could enforce some discipline, telling these “sisters” that either they eject this New Ways retreat or forfeit their right to call themselves Catholic.

My hopes in that regard are rather muted, to be frank, given that

Archbishop Lori allows St. Ignatius and St. Matthew churches in Baltimore to flout Church teaching with regards to sodomy.

But as we saw in Williamsburg a short time ago, miracles can and do happen—when we raise our voices.

So how do we do that in this situation? I am asking you, dear reader, for suggestions and for you to join the effort.

We have some time between now and April to stave off this retreat-farce. It runs from a Tuesday to Thursday, and I shudder to think what will probably occur those Tues-

day and Wednesday evenings, but I digress.

I know we must contact the Baltimore chancery and the *Catholic Review*—repeatedly.

I have a few more ideas, but we’d love to hear from you, the Catholics within the *Defend Life* readership.

Please feel free to leave your suggestions via comments on my blog post, <https://restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com/2020/01/planned-sacrilege-in-williamsburg.html> or with Defend Life Director Jack Ames, 410-337-3721 or 410-961-2008.

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pay the parking meter,” said Neale.

“I don’t buy that! He was gone ten to fifteen minutes—it doesn’t take that long to feed a parking meter.

“I think he may have been trying to get rid of a gun before the police came; but I can’t prove that. We never saw a gun or anything.”

Both Neale and Schaefer admit that their speculations about the young man—that he was the daughter’s boyfriend and that he left just

before the police came because he was trying to unload a gun—are conjecture.

But, concluded Neale, “I think it’s terrible that Planned Parenthood wouldn’t allow the mother to see her daughter!

“Once the police came, I don’t see any harm in their letting her in to see her daughter.”

Schaefer concurs. “There is no doubt that the mother thought she was very ill-treated by Planned Parenthood.”

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



This was my **46th March for Life**. I remember the very first one, way back on January 22, 1974. It was the first anniversary of **Roe v Wade**. **Nellie Gray** and a group of other **PRO-LIFERS**, including **Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington, D.C.** were responsible for it. The first March was actually a circular march around the perimeter of the Capitol. About **5,000** persons were present. Most were from Boston, Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There were no speeches as I recall.



Here are some of my recollections of this year's March:

- The Smithsonian Metro Station was closed for security reasons, so we had to walk several blocks from the closest nearby station to get to the Mall. Whom did I see but **Mike Koon**, past Grand Knight of the Father Rosensteel Council in Silver Spring and his wife Katie. Nobody is more **PRO-LIFE** than Mike Koon. We need more Knights of Columbus like Mike.

- It was thrilling to **hear President Trump's talk**, who was there in person. This was the first time any sitting president addressed the March for Life in person.



- One of the people I met in the crowd was **Fr. Joseph Looney**, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Hartford. Father Looney is a fearless pro-lifer. One of his claims to fame was a **condom roast organized** on the steps of the state capitol in Hartford, Connecticut.



- Another person I saw was an ebullient young man waving a Trump flag. He was the grandson of the late **Paul Weyrich**. Paul was the brilliant founder of **Heritage Foundation**, as well as the **Committee for a Free Congress**. He and the late **Mike Schwartz taught me so much about activism!**

- That evening I attended the **Rose Banquet** thanks to a ticket provided by **Larry Cirignano**. One of the people honored was my great friend **Dr. Bill Hogan**. Bill Hogan was a wonderful OB-GYN who fought many great battles in the early years of the **PRO-LIFE** Movement. Bill Hogan realized early on the great evil of the contraceptive pill and moved mountains to get women off **The Pill**.



- Bill Hogan was introduced at the Rose Banquet by **Gerry Mitchell, Esq.**, a longtime Pro-Lifer and wonderful benefactor of **DEFEND LIFE** and a great lawyer. Bill delivered many of Gerry's children. One became an **Opus Dei priest named Father John Paul Mitchell**.

- Later that evening I attended a **Red Rose Rescue** meeting, headed by my great friend **Dr. Monica Miller**. The purpose of Red Rose Rescue is to reintroduce Rescues at the abortion mills in a more clever way than when Rescues peaked in the late **80s** and early **90s**. Visit www.RedRoseRescue.org to find out more about their great work and their upcoming Spring meeting in St. Louis or email her MmMillerLife@Gmail.com.



• The following day I attended the **Pro-life Summit** co-sponsored by Students for Life, Heritage Foundation, Live Action, and Alliance for Defending Freedom. Kudos to **Kristen Hawkins** for pulling off this marvelous event attended by over **1,000** high-school and college students and many adults like myself.

• One of the many outstanding talks was about women who sell their eggs to sperm banks and the disastrous results to their health, including infertility, that sometimes results.

Baby Philomena Grace — RIP



In November, an alert **PRO-LIFER** overheard a police report about the body of a baby found in the ladies room of a restaurant in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Upper Marlboro is one hour southeast of Washington, DC. She sensed that this baby might have been aborted. She was right, as was confirmed later by my longtime friend and **PRO-LIFE** activist **Missy Smith**.



After much delay, Missy was able to claim the body of this **30-week old baby girl** whom we have named **Baby Philomena Grace**. On Saturday, **April 18 at 10 AM**, a funeral Mass will be held in Our Lady's Chapel of the historic and magnificent **Cathedral of Mary Our Queen** in Baltimore.

Plan to attend this beautiful funeral Mass, which will give honor and dignity to this baby girl whose mother left her in a toilet in that restaurant in Upper Marlboro. After Mass, burial will take place at **Christ the King Catholic Church** in nearby Towson. **RSVPs** are a must because of the limited seating capacity at Our Lady's Chapel. Please contact Missy Smith at **202-337-1966** or email Missy@DefendLife.org.

Fight PAS in Maryland! *The Life You Save May Be Your Very Own!*

In 2019, we barely defeated **PAS** by a tie vote in the State Senate. Had one senator who voted against it changed his vote or abstained, **Physician Assisted Suicide** would now be the law in Maryland. Already, **Washington, DC**, and such states as **California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Colorado, Montana, Vermont, and New Jersey** have legalized physician assisted suicide.

Even though *it* has not already passed, **Physician Assisted Suicide** is already a reality! All this law would do would be to give cover to doctors who provide it, and to greedy persons who are orchestrating the killing of their mothers, fathers, and other relatives. The means used to kill such persons include over-medicating and withdrawing food and water. It's happening in homes, hospices, hospitals, and nursing homes.

A good friend of mine whom I trust profoundly told me about several cases of adult children who engineered the deaths of their parents. I personally know of a woman who was killed at Baltimore-Washington Hospital in Glen Burnie. I tried to stop it but to little avail.

Here are several things **YOU** can do to keep **PAS** from becoming law in Maryland:

- Visit the **Maryland Right to Life** website www.MdRTL.org frequently to keep abreast.
- Visit **TheDignityMandate.org** which is wonderful documentary on the evils of **PAS** produced by Tom and Laura Jones.

- Listen and then share the great talk sponsored by **DEFEND LIFE** and given recently by **Alex Schadenberg**, a Canadian who has spoken in **9 different countries**. He is one of the most prominent authorities in the world on **PAS** and the Euthanasia that will most likely follow.



Enclosure

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Planned Parenthood calls police on Christmas carolers

When fifteen or twenty pro-lifers gathered to sing Christmas carols in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Howard Street in Baltimore January 4, Planned Parenthood called the police.

“They said we were blocking the entrance, but we weren’t,” said pro-lifer Jody Ward.

John Roswell, who heads the Maryland branch of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, had organized the caroling, called an Empty Manger Event, placing a small wooden “empty manger” on the sidewalk near the front door.

A handwritten sign to the left of the manger read, “Jesus brought life of light to darkened world. What if Mary had said No?”

A sign on the right read, “Your child’s gift to the world will only come if you say Yes to life.”

“The message was, you have no idea what the potential of your child might be; we were trying to use the occasion of Jesus’ birth to emphasize that,” explained Roswell.

Ward and Erika Piotrowski accompanied the singers on their gui-

tars, and Cathy Applefeld sang a solo.

“There was some beautiful singing,” Roswell recalled.

But the three Planned Parenthood “escorts” standing by the entrance were not impressed.

“We saw some sneers directed our way,” said Ward. “One lady was very antagonistic and belligerent.”

“They got a little bent out of shape and called the cops,” agreed Roswell.

The carolers sang for about an hour and a half.

By the time a police officer arrived, the caroling was over and the pro-lifers were chatting in small groups.

One group tried to talk to the officer, but he told them he had to go into the abortion facility and talk to them first.

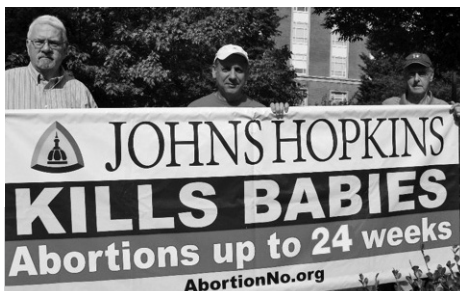
“When he came out, he told the group, ‘You all are doing a fine job!’” said Roswell.

“Then he went on to say, ‘But let me explain this in legal terms, as I am talking about the law: you must be peaceful, which you are doing, and you must leave a thoroughfare for people to pass through—and you have fulfilled both requirements.’”

When one of the pro-lifers asked him if they could pray for him, the officer readily agreed.

“The escorts were really teed off at that!” said Roswell.

Roswell explained that they purposely held the event on the first Saturday of the month, when Planned Parenthood does abortions. Several women did go into the abortion clinic during the event, and a few of the pro-lifers approached them to sidewalk counsel.



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A Planned Parenthood “escort” (left) stands watch at the abortion clinic entrance while pro-lifers sing carols near a small empty manger.

Book Review

Wells nails what it takes to be a good and holy priest

By Diane Levero

What would provoke a mere Catholic layman to have the nerve to tell Catholic priests how they should live their lives?

For former Major League Baseball writer Kevin Wells, it was a series of soul-shaking and life-changing happenings.

Wells begins *The Priests We Need to Save the Church* with one such event on June 6, 2000, when he and his wife Krista met with his uncle, Msgr. Thomas Wells.

Krista and Kevin, both practicing Catholics who wanted to have a large family (Kevin was one of eight kids himself), had learned that they could not have children.

Krista, miserable and desperate, was determined to try to bear children through in vitro fertilization.

Their liberal Catholic pastor, in the name of pastoral sensitivity and accompaniment, assured her that in vitro fertilization was permissible if their consciences were “clear” on it.

But Kevin knew that Catholic teaching clearly forbade it. He tried all the arguments he could muster to persuade Krista to adopt children instead.

But she was adamant against adoption. They had reached a seemingly intractable impasse that threatened to destroy their marriage.

“Uncle Tommy,” as Kevin calls him, met the unhappy couple at his rectory at Mother Seton Church in Germantown, Md., with his usual radiant smile and a warm hug for Krista.

And then he talked to them for a

long time—about crosses, burdens, and surrendering to God’s sanctifying providence and accepting His will.

The next morning, just before Kevin underwent a scheduled arthroscopic surgery on his knee, Krista told him that Uncle Tommy’s words made sense to her.

While he was in surgery, she



started researching adoption agencies.

Kevin was overjoyed; he knew that this good and holy priest had saved their marriage.

The next morning, while he was in bed recovering from the surgery, the phone rang.

It was his Dad—with the news that Msgr. Wells had been found that morning in the rectory, brutally murdered.

A homeless drifter, high on co-

caine and alcohol, had broken into the rectory, severely beaten the 56-year-old priest, and stabbed him dozens of times.

Eight years later, while undergoing a major spiritual crisis, Kevin’s brain hemorrhaged. Major brain surgery failed, and Wells, at age 40, was close to death.

In response to Krista’s plea, Fr. Jim Stack, Father Tommy’s best friend, came to anoint him,

Father Stack asked the dying man, “What saint do you want to intercede for you?”

“Bring my uncle down,” he whispered.

Stack, stunned but compliant, pleaded, “Hey, Tommy. Hey, buddy. Kevin needs you now. He’s calling on you to save his life.”

Suddenly, Father Stack later told Kevin, “There were lights everywhere. Everything in your room took on a light.

“And all of a sudden, the presence of Tommy and the saints surrounded your bed, and everything took on a great warmth. . . It was overwhelming.”

The next day, Kevin received an angiogram. It came back clean. The trapped blood and fluids in his brain had vanished; the arteriovenous malformation had disappeared.

Doctors scratched their heads.

In his long hours of recovery, Kevin decided to write a book (later published, in 2011) titled *Burst: A Story of God’s Grace When Life Falls Apart*.

Then he started thinking more about what made his Uncle Tommy such a good and holy priest—and by

extension, what were the characteristics of *all* good and holy priests.

With this idea in mind, he began to write. He wrote against an appalling backdrop of ongoing priestly sexual abuse scandals, and of Catholics, especially young Catholics, leaving the Church in droves.

To find answers, he interviewed dozens of bishops, priests, exorcists, seminary rectors, and lay Catholics.

He finally came up with a list of eight characteristics essential for the kind of priest that the world needs.

The saintly priest, he says:

1. Adores the Eucharistic Jesus
2. Is devoted to Mary
3. Prays devoutly
4. Assumes a victimhood
5. Is a father
6. Is persistently available
7. Preaches divine truth
8. Dives into souls at a moment's notice

Wells spends the next eight chapters explaining in detail what living out each characteristic entails.

He does it with fascinating, often enthralling descriptions of priests who embody these characteristics.

One of those priests is Fr. Greg

Shaffer, pastor of Assumption Church in Washington, D.C.

While Shaffer was serving as chaplain for George Washington University, two students, members of the university's Newman group, met with the priest to talk about their homosexual relationship and activism in a campus gay rights group.

Shaffer gently but firmly spoke to them of their grave spiritual mistake of acting on their homosexual attraction. He encouraged them to leave their gay activism and live lives of celibacy.

The two students went on the attack, charging that the priest's counsel had caused them extreme anxiety,

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and demanding that the university fire him.

In spite of a nasty media firestorm that went national, Shaffer stayed firm.

"Those two guys were my spiritual sons," he explained. "And I felt like I was their spiritual father, so I spoke to them as a father speaks to his sons."

A year later, one of the two students came back and apologized, admitting that they had made up a lot of their accusations.

Shaffer and he have stayed in touch as friends since then: "We've grabbed coffee and shared a meal and laughed about it all a few times since," says the priest.

Wells was raised in Bowie, Md.,

and Father Tommy was brought up in Chevy Chase, so many of Wells' stories are about Maryland priests and other Marylanders (which, for Maryland readers like myself, adds to their enjoyment).

Inevitably, given the huge impact made on Wells' life and the lives of so many thousands of others during the 29 years of his priesthood, many of the author's tales involve Father Tommy.

One of my favorite stories illustrates the willingness of a good priest to view every random meeting with *anyone* as an opportunity to lead souls to Christ.

At his first parish, Sacred Heart in Bowie, Tommy began to strike up conversations with the attendant at the gas station down the road whenever he went there for a fill-up.

David was a Marine Corps Vietnam vet turned drifter. In their talks about the mental scars the war had inflicted on him, Tommy learned that David was Catholic.

"Their talks intensified—and within a year, the soldier became a daily communicant," Wells relates.

When the priest asked him to help out with youth catechesis, David accepted.

Sometime later, Father Tommy asked him if he might consider the priesthood.

"I'm too old for the seminary," David objected.

Three weeks later, Father Tommy got him into a seminary.

Fr. David Russell has been an ordained priest in the Washington, D.C., Archdiocese for more than three decades.

With masterful detail and penetrating insight, Kevin Wells has nailed down for all Catholics—including Catholic priests themselves—what a priest is truly meant to be.

Five Stars.

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Miracle of the Sun occurs in Baltimore during Rosary

By Jack Ames, Director
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During the recent Fall Bishop's meeting in Baltimore, Defend Life and the Catholic Media Coalition sponsored two public Rosaries honoring Our Lady of America.

By way of background, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Mildred Neuzil on September 26, 1956 in Rome City, Indiana.

She requested that a statue as she appeared to Sister Mildred be processed into the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, then under construction, in Washington, D.C., and properly venerated.

She promised that if this was done, America would become a role model for purity throughout the world. She also said the miracles that would occur in America as a result would exceed those of Fatima and Lourdes combined!

Even though this beautiful statue very much exists, it sadly has not yet been processed into the Shrine.

Perhaps the chaos pervading the Church and America is a direct result of not fulfilling this simple request made 63 years ago by the Mother of God.

Bishop kneels and prays

On November 12 the Rosary was said outside the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, where the bishops were holding their Annual Fall Meeting.

Bishop Mark Brennan, recently consecrated bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, led a group of twenty who recited the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Bishop Brennan has been a solid



Bishop Joseph Strickland kneels and prays before a picture of Our Lady of America outside the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore.

pro-life priest his entire priesthood, praying frequently outside abortion mills.

On November 13 we had two bishops with us. Newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishop for the Military, Joseph Coffey, spoke briefly.

He has been pro-life since age

I looked toward the Inner Harbor and saw a huge sun, surrounded by 'star bursts.'

13 when *Roe v. Wade* was inflicted on America.

Bishop Joseph Strickland, the outstanding Bishop of Tyler, Texas, led us in the Glorious Mysteries while kneeling for forty minutes on a *very* cold brick sidewalk.

He faced a beautiful framed image of Our Lady of America brought to Baltimore by Mary Ann Harold, from Massachusetts, founder of WOPH 89.3, an EWTN affiliate.

Before each decade of the Rosary, Bishop Strickland gave an inspiring 5-to-7-minute extemporaneous homily on the meaning of that particular Mystery; that's why the rosary lasted forty minutes instead of the typical fifteen minutes.

"Starbursts," spinning sun

About halfway through the Rosary, I looked toward the Baltimore Inner Harbor, south of where we were praying in a circle surrounding the kneeling Bishop Strickland.

I saw a huge "rectangular" sun about *one hundred times wider and thirty times taller* than we normally see when taking a quick glance at the sun.

Surrounding this rectangular shape, I saw “star bursts.” I experienced absolutely no discomfort when viewing it. I could not take a picture because I had loaned my cell phone to a person who was recording the Rosary.

At the end, before we disbanded, Mary Ann Harold, while weeping, told me she had seen the sun “spinning” during the Rosary.

I asked her to say a few words

about the October warning received by Sister Agnes in Akita, Japan.

A few days later, Elisabeth Lombardi sent me several photos of the amazing and inexplicable phenomena around the sun that she had witnessed: they showed a pinkish-colored globe, larger than the sun, and partly concealed behind it.

Lombardi firmly believes that Bishop Strickland’s prayers before each decade as he recited the Rosa-

ry, especially those against abortion, “were so powerful and so holy” that Our Lady of America responded with a miracle.

At least one other person in my Scripture Study class saw something miraculous. Several others saw nothing, perhaps because they were intently praying the Rosary with their heads bowed while this miraculous event was happening.

What we should do

Here is how I interpret what happened:

Elisabeth Lombardi sent me photos of the amazing and inexplicable phenomena around the sun that she had witnessed.

- Our Lady was extremely pleased that one of her shepherds was leading a Rosary honoring Our Lady of America while praying on his knees for 40 minutes.
- Our Lady desires now more than ever that her statue as Our Lady of America be processed into the Shrine soon.
- We must organize similar Rosaries led by various bishops at all future U.S. bishops’ meetings, whether they be in Baltimore or at other locations.
- But more than that, those of us who realize the importance of Our Lady of America’s requests and promises, even if just three or four are in our group, must pray similar Rosaries outside Catholic churches



Our Lady of America requested that a statue of her be processed into the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

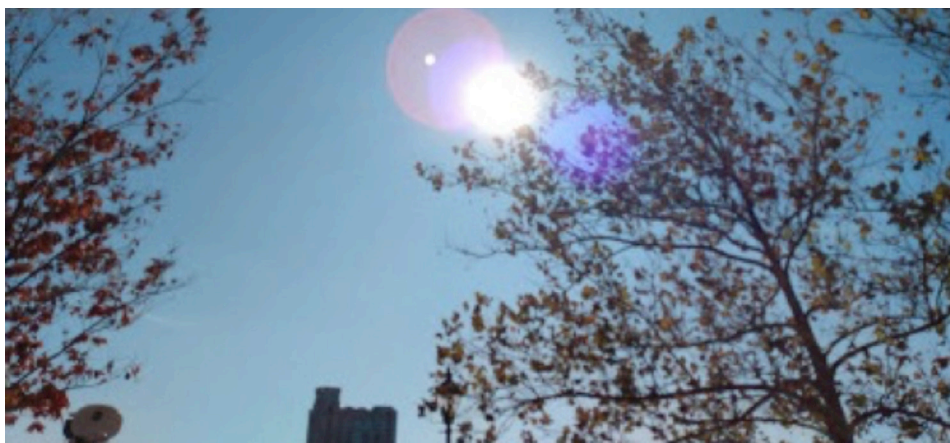
everywhere, holding a picture of her and passing out prayer cards explaining her requests.

- For example, if your parish has a 9:00 a.m. and an 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, consider standing in front of your church between those two Masses,

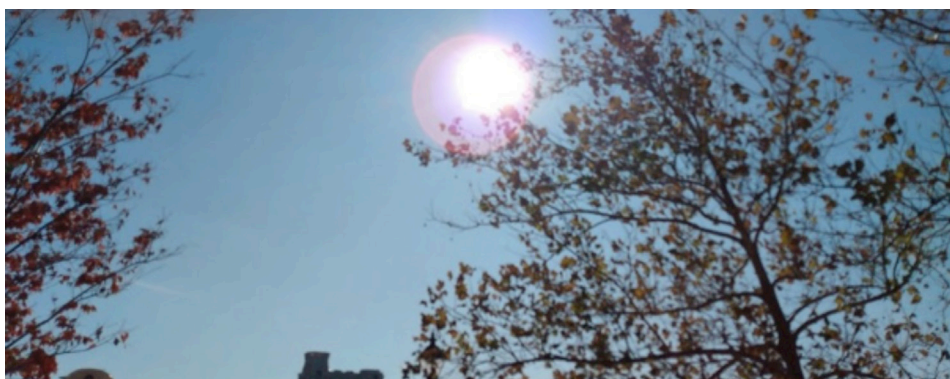
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reciting the Rosary, holding an image of Our Lady of America, and passing out prayer cards explaining her requests. Every Catholic or pro-life event offers a similar opportunity. Be not afraid!

Here are two sources for those prayer cards, plus an image of Our Lady of America that can easily be enlarged to 18”x24”, printed in color and mounted on foam board at a local copy store:



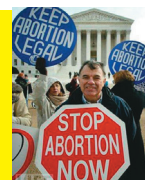
Photos taken while Bishop Strickland recited the Rosary show a large, pinkish-colored globe partially behind the sun.



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The first of the four police officers who responded told the reporter, “You can take photos, you can take videos; it’s your constitutional freedom.”

Sidewalk Advocates for Life began coming to the Baltimore clinic in the spring of 2017.

As SAFL’s numbers and presence have increased, the number of unborn babies saved from abortion

there has also noticeably increased.

Planned Parenthood has responded with aggressive, belligerent “escorts” who purport to protect clients from the pro-lifers, but in reality, harass and physically block pro-lifers from talking to or giving abortion-minded women pro-life information and help.

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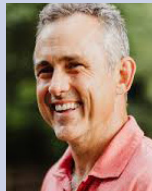
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MARCH LECTURE TOUR

Kevin Wells

Author, Father of 3



The Priests We Need To Save the Church

Thursday evening, March 19*

Friday, March 20

10 am • St. Peter's
Libertytown, MD

1 pm • Our Lady's Center
Ellicott City, MD

7:30 pm • St. Bartholomew's
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Bishop Joseph Coffey

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Thursday, April 16

1:30 pm • St. Andrew's
Silver Spring, MD

Friday, April 17

10 am • St. Peter's
Libertytown, MD

1 pm • Our Lady's Center
Ellicott City, MD

7:30 pm • Cathedral of
Mary Our Queen
Baltimore, MD

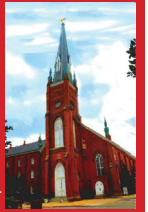
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