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Pro-lifers battle City’s moves to take down baby signs Baltimore Housing Department slaps \$500 fine on pro-life leader

On August 7 John Roswell received a certified letter in the mail from the City of Baltimore.

It cited Roswell, who heads the Baltimore branch of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, for posting prohibited signs on June 23 at 330 North Howard Street—in front of Planned Parenthood.

He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.

Roswell was not surprised.

The Baltimore Housing Department, evidently in league with Planned Parenthood, had been waging a running battle with the pro-lifer for over six months.

Now, they were throwing down the gauntlet for a face-off.

Here is the story behind the letter.

“I couldn’t do it!”

“I couldn’t do it, I couldn’t do it—the child is too big!”

The young woman coming out of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Baltimore shook her head gravely as she spoke these words to pro-lifer Dick Schaefer.

She was carrying a green folder, which the pro-life regulars at the Howard Street abortion clinic knew meant she had come there for a



Calling their bluff

Dick Schaefer (left) and John Roswell post sidewalk signs in front of Baltimore’s Planned Parenthood despite threats of fines and sign seizure by Baltimore’s Housing Department.

chemically induced abortion.

John Roswell walked over, and the two pro-lifers gave the young woman information about help she could get at pregnancy centers for her and her baby, which she readily accepted.

“We can confiscate them”

The day before this encounter, Roswell had brought three new A-frame signs he had had printed and set them up on the sidewalk close to the Planned Parenthood entrance.

The signs showed authentic pictures of healthy unborn babies at 6 weeks and 9 weeks gestation.

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Defend Life takes truth about abortion to the streets

Pro-life veterans of Defend Life's Annual Face the Truth Tour have learned from experience not to expect much love at their stop in Roland Park.

"It's considered one of the most elite, liberal areas in Baltimore," says Dave Clark, who videotaped the stop on this year's tour.

"It's a very affluent neighborhood," agrees Defend Life Director Jack Ames; "the vast number of people seem to be ardently pro-abortion."

Roland Park lived up to its reputation at the noon stop on July 30, when a woman walked down the long line of pro-lifers holding signs of aborted babies, screaming epithets and insults and kicking down one of the signs.

A pro-lifer holds a sign showing Jesus mourning an aborted baby at the Hagerstown, Maryland stop on July 27 during Defend Life's 20th Annual Face the Truth Tour.



"You're really sad, uneducated, woman-hating people!" she yelled. "F--- you! Pro-lifers don't give a s--- about anybody but white, f---g rich people!"

As the woman finally turned off onto a side street, Clark couldn't resist cheerfully calling out after her, "We love you, white liberal woman!"

Truth Tour veteran Joan McGee had a more sober reaction.

"She doesn't believe a word we say," Joan said sadly. "We'll keep praying for her."

No cancelling for coronavirus

But on Defend Life's 20th Annual Face the Truth Tour, the irate Roland Park woman was an excep-

tion to the rule.

As the pro-lifers held up graphic pictures of aborted babes along roadways at 15 stops from West Virginia through Maryland July 27-31, the reaction of passing motorists was overwhelmingly positive, recalled Ames—"at least 5-to-1 in our favor!"

Ames thinks that that positive response was "partly in approval of our being out there in spite of the coronavirus—we could have cowered and not done it."

"I *promised* [the pro-lifers] that we would hold the Truth Tour and that it wouldn't be canceled," as so many events have been due to the pandemic, said Ames.

Trusting in that promise, hardy pro-lifers came out in force, holding signs in 100-degree temperatures and sweat-soaking humidity (and in pouring-down rain at the Loch Raven stop on July 31), determined to show the public that abortion is not just an innocuous word, but a horrible, bloody reality.

"Handmaid" kicks signs

At the Northern Parkway stop (directly after the Roland Park stop), however, a trio of pro-aborts went all out to thwart this message.

One man, wearing a COVID-19 mask, held a huge, gray plastic tarp suspended from a rod, blocking a pro-lifer with an aborted baby sign from the view of passing motorists.

With him was a 5-or-6-year-old boy.

The man told the little boy, "These people are *pedophiles*! The

reason why they want to keep these children is so they can have sex with them.”

“That’s *disgusting!* That’s a terrible accusation!” exclaimed a horrified Dave Clark.

A woman, also masked, came up to the man, carrying a sign that read:

DEFEND LIFE:
21212 DOES NOT
WELCOME YOU

(21212 is the zip code for that area).

The woman took the little boy by the hand with her.

A third masked man, in league with the other two, held an anti-life sign on the opposite side of the street.

The tarp-holding man yelled invectives and insults at nearby pro-lifers throughout the stop.

Conducting her own one-person protest at the Roland Park and Northern Parkway stops was “Little Red Riding Hood,” as the pro-lifers dubbed her.

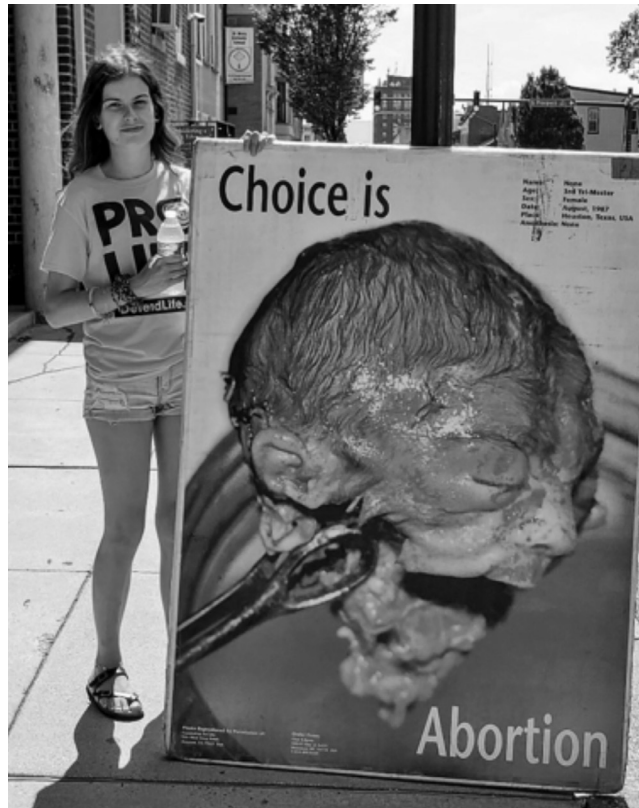
Wearing a long red dress and white, Puritan-style cap like the characters in the 2017 TV series, “The Handmaid,” which targeted Christian conservatives, the young woman carried a sign reading, “These LIARS want to control women. PLEASE Ignore!”

“I tried to talk to her every time she walked by,” said pro-lifer Barry Sullivan. “I said, ‘If you had an abortion, ask God for forgiveness, forgive yourself, and move on with your life!’”

But the “Handmaid” spewed insults and obscenities at the pro-lifers at both stops, kicking down an aborted baby sign at Roland Park and another at Northern Parkway.

“Honest debate”

The Truth Tour had some bright



This young woman holding a sign at the Hagerstown stop was pressured to have an abortion, but courageously refused and carried her baby. She is now a single mom.

moments.

One angry pro-abortionist, who got out of his car and confronted Clark on Northern Parkway, charged, “You don’t want to have an honest debate about abortion!”

But Clark calmly argued the issue point-by-point. By the time they ended the discussion, they were on a first-name basis, and the man offered to shake hands.

The Truthers packed their luncheons and dinners with jokes, stories, singing and camaraderie.

Robert Dow got some chuckles when he told how, at the White Marsh stop, a guy was badgering another pro-lifer, asking question after question about who was supporting and financing the Truth Tour. “So I went over and interceded,” said Dow with a grin.

“We’re paid by the Archdiocese of Baltimore,” he fibbed; “we work for Archbishop Lori, but he doesn’t want us to talk about it.”

A high point for Ames was the

Truth Tour Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on July 28. The celebrant was Father Jamie Morrison.

“He was on our Truth Tour core team about ten years ago, Jack recalled happily.

“America will not end abortion until America *sees* abortion,” said Ames, quoting Priests for Life Director Father Frank Pavone: “That’s what our Truth Tours are all about!” he concluded.

Videos of the Truth Tour stops and luncheon talks are at Defend Life’s page on facebook.com.

A black and white photograph of a banner held by several people. The banner features the Johns Hopkins University logo and the text "JOHNS HOPKINS KILLS BABIES Abortions up to 24 weeks" with the website "AbortionNo.org" below it. Below the banner is a text box with the following information: "For more info on our 3rd Wednesday Monthly Vigil from 9 – 10:30 am at Johns Hopkins Bayview, call Jim Bocklage 443-615-3424".

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Had the sight of these signs caused the young woman to change her mind and not have an abortion?

“I don’t know,” admitted Roswell. But he had a hunch that they did.

Roswell and other pro-lifers had been waging a long, frustrating battle with the aggressive security guards and “pro-choice escorts” at the clinic.

The guards and escorts physically blocked their attempts to talk to women going in for abortions, and would grab pro-life brochures they gave the women and tear them up.

Now, with the new signs, the pro-lifers had a new way to communicate with the abortion-minded women—and Planned Parenthood didn’t like it. It didn’t take them long to react.

The woman who “couldn’t do it” had changed her mind on January 10.

On January 22, as Roswell began setting up his pro-life signs, he was accosted by two men who apparently had been waiting for his ar-

rival. They wore badges identifying them as working for the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development.

One of them told John that any sign touching city property, even just setting on the sidewalk, 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.

As Roswell began taking his signs back to his truck, he saw the two City Housing investigators go into the Planned Parenthood building.

Free speech “shoehorned”

Roswell believed that the sign-restricting ordinances, which one of the investigators eventually sent him, are meant to deal with commercial signs put out on the sidewalk by businesses, and not with signs temporarily used in the expression of free speech.

But with the threat of fines and sign confiscation hanging over them, the pro-lifers stopped using

all signs that stood on the sidewalk.

Instead, they held signs in their laps while seated. Occasionally, a pro-lifer would walk and carry a cumbersome “sandwich sign,” strapped to his shoulders.

In the meantime, Roswell turned to the Thomas More Society (TMS), a national public interest law firm, for help.

A TMS attorney contacted an attorney at Housing Department Code Enforcement, Kathleen Byrne.

After a lengthy phone conversation with Byrne, attorney Cameron Guenzel sent her an eight-page letter on June 26 laying out in detail arguments against the sign restrictions applying to Roswell.

“As you indicated on the phone, the sign code and right-of-way restrictions really are not intended to address Mr. Roswell’s signs,” he pointed out.

“This is perhaps best shown by the name of the right-of-way permit involved here: a minor *privilege* permit. However, Free Speech is not a *privilege* but a fundamental, constitutional *right*.

“The bottom line in this case is that the attempt by a few people in Baltimore’s city agencies to shoehorn Mr. Roswell’s speech into the framework for restaurant menus and marquee signs is illogical, inappropriate, and ultimately, unconstitutional,” he charged.

Guenzel stated that Roswell intended to exercise his free speech rights and start placing his free-standing signs in front of Planned Parenthood again on July 13.

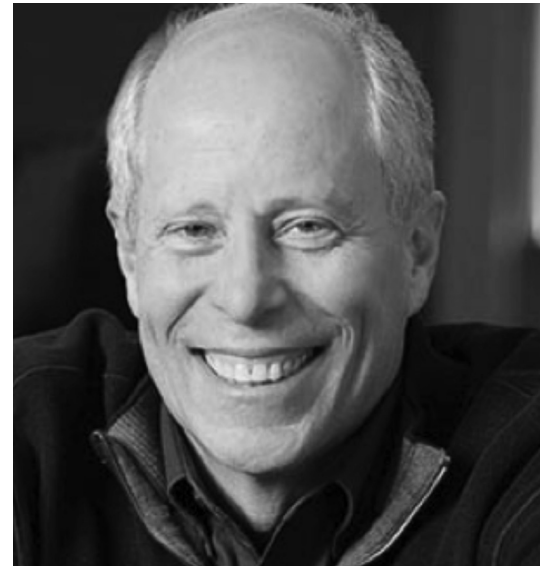
He asked Byrne if Baltimore City wanted to “modify its position” and discuss “appropriate, constitutional regulation” of Roswell’s speech, or whether they planned to



Before pro-lifers challenged Baltimore City’s threats of fines and sign seizures, they held small signs in their laps.

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Abp. Lori hires pro-LGBT, pro-Black Lives Matter adviser on racism



Archbishop William Lori has appointed Howard Ross as a “diversity and inclusion” consultant to help him grapple with racial tension in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

By Doug Mainwaring

BALTIMORE, Maryland, July 2, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#))—Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori has hired a “diversity and inclusion” consultant who is unabashedly pro-LGBT; supports the Marxist, pro-abortion, anti-family Black Lives Matter movement; and sees Republicans as evil, to help him “grapple with racial tension” in a city that has long been plagued with racial unrest and violence.

Archbishop Lori announced in a June 5 letter that he has hired Howard Ross, founder and president of the Udarta consulting firm in Washington, D.C., to help him “implement the recommendations outlined in his second pastoral reflection on racism, ‘The Journey to Racial Justice: Repentance, Healing and Action.’”

According to multiple online biographies, Ross has served on the Diversity Advisory Board of the LGBT Washington, D.C. lobby-

ing powerhouse, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), which frequently seeks to promote legislation and regulations diametrically opposed to Christian beliefs and defying natural law.

A review of Ross’s Facebook

Abp. Lori’s new consultant on racism, Howard Ross, backs Marxist-based Black Lives Matter and other pro-abortion, pro-LGBT, anti-family groups.

postings over the last month reveals support for political movements, organizations, and ideas that are antithetical to the Catholic Church and her teachings.

On the day before Archbishop Lori published his letter, Ross had

posted a link to an article in the LGBT news outlet *The Washington Blade* headlined “Trump admin to Supreme Court: Let adoption agencies reject LGBTQ families,” which he captioned, “Yet another example that the Trump administration’s guiding principles are bigotry, cruelty, hatred and exclusion.”

The Trump Department of Justice had filed a brief saying the City of Philadelphia had “impermissibly discriminated against religious exercise” by requiring Catholic Social Services to adhere to the city’s demand requiring LGBT non-discrimination practices in child placement.

“Governmental action tainted by hostility to religion fails strict scrutiny almost by definition,” the brief asserts. “This court has never recognized even a legitimate governmental interest—much less a compelling one—that justifies hostility toward religion.”

And because the brief sought to protect religious liberty, and tangentially to look out for the best interests

of children, Ross accused the Trump DOJ of “bigotry, cruelty, hatred and exclusion.”

Eight days later, when the Trump Department of Health rolled back Obama-era protections for transgender individuals by “returning to the government’s interpretation of sex discrimination according to the plain meaning of the word ‘sex’ as male or female and as determined by biology,” Ross again took to Facebook to deem the move “sick, demented, cruel and hateful.”

Ross inferred that those who accept the view that sex is determined solely by biology have abandoned their humanity.

A few days later, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 decision to redefine “sex” in Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights law, interpreting it to include sexual orientation and gender identity, ostensibly opening up churches to future litigation and posing a grave threat to religious liberty, Ross simply declared, “Hallelujah!”

Ross then asserted in another Facebook posting that he considers voting for Donald Trump in the upcoming election an act of violence against LGBT persons.

Ross has also displayed his support for Black Lives Matter (BLM), an organization that aggressively promotes abortion, homosexuality, and transgenderism and seeks to disrupt the nuclear family.

In its online manifesto titled “What We Believe,” the Black Lives Matter organizers say they and their followers “disrupt” the “Western-prescribed” family.

They also say they have freed themselves from “heteronormative thinking” and demand “reproductive justice.”

“We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and ‘villages’ that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable,” they wrote.

“We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise),” they continued.

“We deserve and thus we demand reproductive justice [i.e., abortion] that gives us autonomy over our bodies and our identities while ensuring that our children and families are supported, safe, and able to thrive.”

LifeSiteNews reached out to Archbishop Lori’s office to find out if the archdiocese was aware of Ross’s troubling support for the marxist BLM political movement and homosexuality and transgenderism, and his connection to HRC but received no reply by press time.

LifeSiteNews has likewise sought comment from Howard Ross.

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stop the pro-lifer from putting up his signs, including seizing them.

Byrne replied on July 8 that “Until a violation of the Baltimore City Code occurs and is observed by an enforcement official, no action will be taken.” But, she warned, “appropriate enforcement action will be taken” if Roswell is seen violating a City Code.

Pro-lifers call City’s bluff

With these “We’re not going to tell you what we’re going to do”—type semi-threats in mind, on July 13, Roswell and Schaefer set up

only the controversial unborn baby signs and waited.

Nothing happened.

Planned Parenthood’s aggressive security guard called the police. “They said it wasn’t an emergency, so they’re not coming,” he told the pro-lifers.

In the days that followed, Roswell gradually added more of his standing sidewalk signs.

Then, on July 23, said Roswell, “A guy came up and said, ‘Do you have a permit for these signs?’

“I replied, ‘I have a constitutional right to use these signs, according to my attorney.’

“He said, ‘Well, I’m taking pictures of the signs, and I’ll let *them*

decide!’

The photographer’s actions elicited inquiries from Guenzel to Byrne: what were the Housing Department’s intentions?

Byrne cited a heretofore unmentioned city ordinance prohibiting signposting on public property, but repeated, “Again, until an actual violation is observed, no action will be taken.”

“Mr. Roswell wishes to avoid unnecessary seizure, citation, or arrest while the matter is litigated,” Guenzel responded.

But if we can’t reach an agreement, we *will* litigate the issue, he

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Teaching that evolution theory is okay is deadly, says Owen

Hugh Owen's dad was the son of a Baptist minister in Wales.

"But when he went to the university, his professors told him that science could explain everything about the origin of the universe *without* God, and not to believe the 'fairy tales' in the Book of Genesis," Owen told pro-lifers at his Defend Life talk July 29 at St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Hall in Catonsville, Md.

"So, like millions of other people, he was robbed of his faith," said Owen.

The intelligentsia of the time maintained that overpopulation was the cause of all the world's problems—wars, pollution, economic and social injustice—and that if we curbed population growth, all our problems would be solved, Owen explained.

"My dad accepted this premise and went to work for the United Nations."

He served as an Assistant Secretary General for the UN, and as Secretary General of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, after which he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

Sir David Owen died of a heart attack when Hugh was just 16.

"I'm convinced that at the last moment, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave my father the opportunity to see the truth and repent—and he did.

"And there, in purgatory, he began to pray for me, this very confused 16-year-old."

His dad's prayers paid off.

Two years later, as a freshman at Princeton, 18-year-old Hugh was baptized, confirmed, and made his First Holy Communion at the University chapel.



Hugh Owen (left) discusses the errors of theistic evolution with pro-lifers after his talk.

Owens believes that the acceptance or rejection of evolution is a matter of life and death, spiritually as well as literally.

For that reason, twenty years ago he founded the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation to provide a forum for Catholic theologians, scientists and scholars to defend the traditional teaching of the Church on creation.

Two accounts of the origin of man and the universe are competing for the allegiance of the next generation, he noted; "and depending on which account is accepted, that will determine largely what happens to the world."

One account is believed by all the apostles, fathers, doctors, popes and councils of the Church: that God created all creatures for us by fiat—by *willing* them into existence, Owen explained; and that He created Adam and Eve, body and soul, and placed them as king and queen of a beautiful, complete, and harmonious world that was free from death and deformity, natural disas-

ters, and the struggle for existence.

"It was only sin that brought these calamities into the world," said Owen, adding, "There is absolutely no doubt of what the Church taught from the beginning."

But there is a myth circulating, and "being taught by very intelligent scholars who really ought to know better," that Catholics never took the creation account in Genesis seriously, and that the literal meaning of Genesis was just a Protestant fundamentalist thing that started in the nineteenth century.

"That is nonsense!" declared Owen.

The Council of Trent, in the sixteenth century, had reaffirmed that the Biblical account of creation was true.

In an 1880 encyclical defending marriage, Pope Leo XIII told the bishops that in order to defend Holy Matrimony, they must defend the fact that God, on the sixth day of creation, created one man, body and soul, for one woman.

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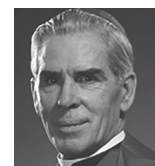


I am still excited about our just completed **20th** Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour. It was the best ever! Here are some reasons why:

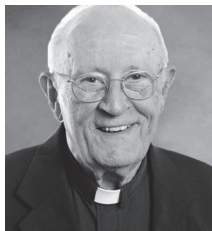
• **We did it under extremely adverse conditions.** While nearly everything else all over America was being cancelled during the *politicized pandemic*, we promised our Face the Truth Tour would **NOT BE CANCELLED!** We lived up to that promise even though it meant having luncheons and evening picnics **in park pavilions** and **on grassy hills** and surmounting many other obstacles.



- During our Face the Truth Tour, we estimate that **40,000** persons saw our **HUGE** images of abortion victims, many for the first time. We had **15**
- **90-120 minute Stops**, all at heavily trafficked locations.
- Our leadership was tremendous including:
 - **Therese Rodriguez, RN**, mother of 6, home schooler, financial adviser, and Natural Family Planning mentor, was our outstanding Director!
 - **Julie Smith**, our wonderful Director for many years, was invaluable as a consultant to Therese.
 - **19-year-old**, home-schooled **Sophia Gillespie** did remarkable work as our Core Team Recruiter.
- Our **5** luncheon speakers were the best, including:
 - Author and former sports writer **Kevin Wells**, who wrote the bestselling book, ***The Priests We Need to Save The Church***.
 - Nuclear Engineer and Adoptive Father **Barry Sullivan**, who brought tears to our eyes with his great stories.
 - **Hugh Owen**, convert, father of 9, who heads ***Kolbe Center for Creation Research***, spoke on the false interpretation of the Book of Genesis.
 - **Steve Mosher**, who exposed **FORCED ABORTION** in Communist China, spoke on China's evil plan to **ENSLAVE AMERICA!**
 - **Father Denis Wilde, OSA**, gave an inspiring talk on the ***Life and Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen***, who needs to be canonized tomorrow!
 - All of these talks are posted at **DefendLife.org**.
- Our ads on Rush Limbaugh were thrilling. Listen to one of them by clicking <http://defendlife.org/RadioAdJuly2020.mp3> or visiting our web site.
- Our wonderful donors who made all this possible. Remember, **DEFEND LIFE** is an all-volunteer organization. **We have no employees! Every \$ you give goes to saving babies from Abortion. Donations are tax deductible as well.**



Monsignor Arthur Bastress, R.I.P.



Monsignor Arthur Bastress, ordained in 1951, faithfully served in **10** parishes during his **69** years of priesthood. From **1998 to 2017**, he was pastor at St. Alphonsus Liguori in downtown Baltimore. The parish offered Masses in three different languages: **Lithuanian, English, and Latin**. About 15 priests had been asked to pastor this historic, but distressed parish by William Cardinal Keeler. Monsignor Bastress accepted the offer in a heartbeat.

Monty Phair remembers Monsignor's first Mass at the church. His vestments were draped over the back of the last pew at the rear of the church. The bells began to ring, and Monsignor rushed through the door, looked at him, and said not to worry because he was like Speedy Gonzales in the Warner Brothers cartoon. He flipped the vestments over his head and in seconds was ready to begin Mass.



Monsignor did not have a laissez-faire attitude. If something needed to be done, he found a way to do it. St. Alphonsus Church needed extensive repairs to the steeple, roofs, and stained-glass windows. To raise the many hundreds of thousands of dollars needed, he sent out many fundraising letters. The parish also held bake and book sales and 50/50 raffles. He was very proud of the fact that the church did not go into debt and, more importantly, he had preserved St. Alphonsus for future generations.

Monsignor loved children and always delighted in celebrating the First Holy Communion Mass. Never a fan of titles, he cherished the one the children gave him on the playground when he was at Immaculate Heart of Mary: **Father B**. While at **IHM**, Monsignor instituted **Vacation Bible School** for grade school students attending public schools. Students even paraded around the IHM neighborhood holding Catholic banners. Father B. was delighted, but it all ended quite suddenly, possibly because of the then Archbishop William Borders. Father B. was devastated but never commented publicly.



When Monsignor became director of the Latin Mass Choir at St. Alphonsus, choir members were blessed, because it was then they really got to know him. They learned about his passionate nature; his impatience; his dreams; his love of the **Laughing Jesus** picture on the wall of his room; and his devotion to **St. John Neumann** and **Blessed Francis X. Seelos** ("The Cheerful Ascetic"), both previous pastors at his church. He taught choir members how to sing and often admonished them to project strongly and confidently, not with **little boy** or **little girl** voices. The truth of the matter is he had the best voice in the choir. Choir members can still hear him singing **O Holy Night** at Midnight Mass.

Fr. William Spacek, a hospital chaplain who lived at St. Alphonsus and was Monsignor's friend for nineteen years, gave a wonderful eulogy at his funeral Mass (view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJJsaXUhxT4>). He recounted Monsignor's last day on earth. "Monsignor walked from his eating chair to his praying chair, facing the door with breviary in hand waiting for the Blessed Mother, Blessed Francis Seelos, or the Savior himself." This great priest deserved a welcome into the next world from the best. On Monsignor's funeral card it says, **Pray for me as I will for thee that we may merrily meet in Heaven.**



Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

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Theistic evolution

But today, students in Catholic schools are being taught theistic evolution: the concept that the theory of evolution is compatible with a belief in God.

The French philosopher Descartes was the first baptized Catholic scholar to promote theistic evolution, said Owen.

After dabbling in occult Rosicrucianism, Descartes said he had three mystical dreams in which a “spirit of truth” possessed him and put him on the path to developing a wonderful new way of thinking.

“He claimed that it’s more reasonable to explain the origin of plants, animals, stars, anything in nature, in terms of the same things that are going on now—instead of this weird idea that things just popped into existence in the beginning,” said Owen.

His writings were put on the Church’s Index of Forbidden Books,

“but that didn’t stop his ideas from insinuating themselves into the lives of most of the intellectual elite of the Western world.”

Pope St. Pius X in 1907 warned Catholics that modernism is the worst heresy in the history of the Church, and that the principal dogma of modernism is evolution.

“But in spite of his efforts, by the 1920s, ‘30s and ‘40s, the future priests and bishops of the Western world were being taught that Genesis is not really history,” said Owen.

He urged his listeners to help the priests in their parish to learn that what was handed down to them by the Church Fathers is true.

“The apple of God’s eye”

Owen pointed out that because of the prevailing belief in evolution, people lack purpose and meaning in their life, resulting in the flourishing of a Culture of Death.

In contrast, he said, “God’s revelation teaches us that we are the apple of God’s eye; he created everything for us, perfect and whole. Everything bad and disordered in the world was not from God.”

People will not kill their babies, their elderly, or themselves if they know the truth about creation, Owen

concluded: “Through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can be restored to a Culture of Life.”

The Kolbe Center offers a wide variety of educational resources on its website, kolbecenter.org, he told the pro-lifers.

Its brochure, “Evolution and the Culture of Death,” for example, gives readers a succinct but informative summary of its subject.

It also provides some fascinating information on the lies propagated by evolutionists.

The discoveries of 21st century genetics, for instance, demonstrate that it would be impossible for a common ancestor of chimpanzees and men to acquire the necessary “beneficial mutations” without acquiring a greater number of harmful mutations—a number that would lead to extinction long before human evolution was achieved.

The brochure also describes how, soon after the publication of Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species*, anatomist Ernst Haeckel doctored drawings of the embryos of fish, salamanders, chickens, turtles, rabbits, pigs and human beings in order to “prove” that they all evolved from a common ancestor.

Though Haeckel’s fraud was discovered and exposed, to this day, biology textbooks still back his premise.

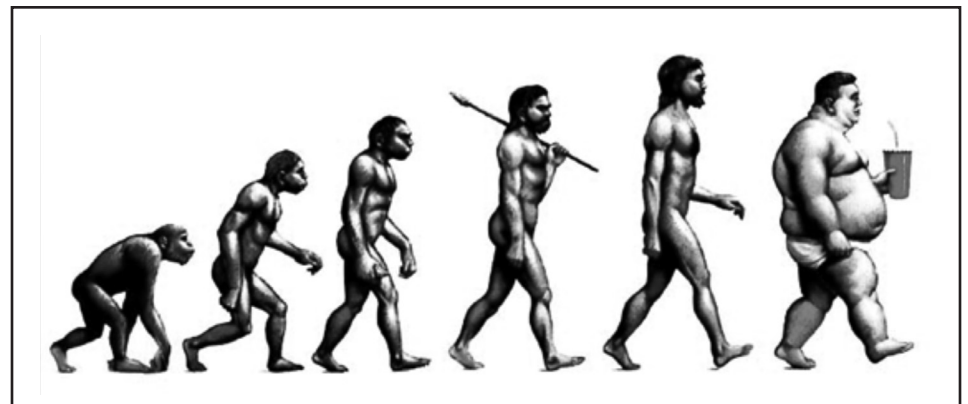
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warned, adding, “A number of lawyers will be working on the case. The time and effort on both sides will be substantial, as would the fees, so we would like to avoid that, if possible.”

Roswell is sure he’s within his rights.

“My signs are not attached to city property any more than my feet are,” he points out; “they come and go as I do, and are an expressive extension of myself and therefore part of my free speech.”

Whether the lawyers and the court system will agree with him remains to be seen.



This slide, parodying the traditional depiction of man evolving from a chimpanzee, got some laughs from Owen’s audience.

In My Humble Opinion

Catholics *must* speak out on attempts to restrict our faith

By Janet Baker

Some readers will be familiar with Michael Voris of Church Militant. He spoke during one of the Defend Life lectures several years ago in Bethesda.

Among the things he does is put out a short video known as the Vortex. These are produced on an almost-daily basis.

Recently he published a video warning us of the malevolence that many progressives have towards those who adhere to Jesus Christ and to His teachings: in other words, we are the targets of their ire.

Here is the link to the video; it is worth your time in watching it:

[youtube.com/watch?v=UzdQq0RWK1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzdQq0RWK1A). Please take the time to watch this to understand the context of the rest of the article.

What he says about the attitudes of Christians and conservatives towards these threats is something that I too have been noticing.

He points out that anti-God forces have advanced their causes because we, in large part, did not stop their efforts when they were in their nascent stages. Too many just refused to take the threats seriously enough to rouse themselves out of their insular existences and take action.

They also have taken (and still do) a pseudo-spiritual attitude, claiming that “all we have to do is pray” and “God will take care of it.”

An honest assessment of the situation will make plain that while prayer and fasting are *necessary*, they are *not sufficient* to deal with

our current ills.

To engage in such indifference and false piety is nothing else than taking on a sanctimonious cloak for laziness and/or cowardice and/or refusal to face the stark truth about the dire conditions of the Church, our country and western civilization.

Take a look at the reactions towards the COVID virus. How many Catholics are not uttering a peep regarding the state’s attempt to restrict

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our access to the Sacraments? How many are seeing the shackling of the Church as a “necessary evil”?

Worse, how many of us are fully on board with the state? Regrettably, both Archbishops Wilton and Lori are in that latter group, blathering about how “blessed” we are to subsist on virtual Masses and spiritual communions.

Well, if Maryland reinstates that nonsense, perhaps we’ll have to tell our shepherds that if we must be satisfied with “spiritual communions,” they’ll have to make do with “spiritual donations.” But will the readers of this article have the gumption to make that plain to them?

Recently, Bishop Athanasius

Schneider launched an International Crusade of Eucharistic Reparation to counter and atone for the abuses of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

In his announcement, His Excellency especially deplored the abuses that have abounded as a direct result of episcopal cowardice before the virus. Bishops are strongly suggesting, even mandating Holy Communion in the hand.

One pastor in Minneapolis took the degradation a step further, distributing Holy Communion by setting Hosts in paper wrappers on a table in the church lobby for parishioners to take as they leave. How many pieces of Our Lord’s Body were strewn all over the parking lot?

We all saw the abuses during these past few months. Do we recognize them as such? Will we stand against them?

I can imagine what some readers might be thinking: “What does this have to do with abortion?”

Plenty! We need the graces that normally would flow from the Church to fight child-slaughter, contraception, etc. Right now, those graces are being restricted, often maliciously.

On its Facebook page, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has a post regarding the final commencement of the Institute of Notre Dame, wherein the AOB chortles about two “famous graduates” of the school: Barbara Mikulski and Nancy Pelosi, while the *Catholic Review* lionized the pro-abortion Congressman John

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One Man's Opinion

SCOTUS ruling shows we should focus on babies' humanity

By Bob Brown

“The question today, however, is not whether *Whole Woman's Health* was right or wrong, but whether to adhere to [a prior Supreme Court ruling] in deciding the present case.”

So wrote Chief Justice John Roberts in his concurring opinion for the majority in *June Medical Service v. Russo*.

With Roberts joining the four liberal members, the U.S. Supreme Court on June 29 ruled as unconstitutional a Louisiana law that would have required abortionists to have active admitting privileges at a hospital within thirty miles of the building where they kill children.

Now, Roberts has said a mouthful. According to the highest-ranking jurist on the highest court in the most powerful nation on Earth, rightness or wrongness is not the standard for judging disputes.

Of course, such is no longer a shocking moral attitude, but, still, to hear it so bluntly? From *his* lips? Yikes.

If that's not disturbing enough, though, four years ago Roberts dissented in a previous *Whole Woman's Health* case.

Against his wishes and vote back then, the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that was almost word-for-word identical to the Louisiana law.

In both cases, pro-abortion plaintiffs succeeded in defeating laws generally supported by pro-lifers.

“I joined the dissent in *Whole*

Woman's Health,” Roberts also wrote in his *June v. Russo* decision, “and continue to believe that the case was wrongly decided....The legal doctrine of *stare decisis* [to stand by things decided] requires us, absent special circumstances, to treat like cases alike.”

There's a syllogism gone haywire here: A is wrong; B equals A; but B isn't wrong.

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One measure of folly is to know something is wrong but to go along with it just to get along. Isn't that what *stare decisis* is? Groupthink among the black-robe set?

Sure, I get why they say they apply *stare decisis*—to “avoid an arbitrary discretion in the courts.”

But the truth is that a judge will apply *stare decisis* when it suits his or her purposes and will ignore it when it's inconvenient to a contrary agenda. That's a clear lesson from history.

Moreover, many times *stare decisis* has built upon a bad foundation. Or, switching metaphors: *stare decisis* often harvests poisonous fruit of the poisonous tree—and then plants more of the same.

Christians should be profoundly grateful that God gave us the Bible—His perfect view of reality, His never-changing law.

Read Psalm 119, a celebration of God's Word. Nearly every one of the 176 verses mentions God's law, word, ordinances, statutes, etc. You can't come away from reading that psalm without getting an earful about what God thinks of His own Word and moral standards. The preciousness of preborn children also rings clear in the Bible.

But even if you think I've exaggerated what Roberts meant by “right or wrong,” he has nevertheless proved he possesses the same type of hardheartedness that pro-aborts possess.

By his own words, *stare decisis* can be put aside in “special circumstances.” If acknowledging the obvious humanity of preborn children and doing something that might spare at least a few of them from Whole Woman's Health's and Planned Parenthood's extermination centers isn't a special circumstance, I don't know what is.

Vulnerable, innocent girls and boys simply aren't special to Roberts. To the chief justice, a man-made principle overrides God-made people.

Enough Roberts-bashing—for now. What legal avenues should pro-lifers pursue?

I've long believed the best way forward (on the streets *and* legislatively) is to establish the humanity of preborn children.

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Men who've faced abortion can help other men, says Columbian

Men who have personally experienced a crisis involving abortion have an important role to play in the battle against abortion.

Mauricio Olarte thinks so. And he should know.

As a 17-year-old high school senior in Bogota, Columbia, in 1995, Mauricio dated 17-year-old Camila (not her real name), also a high school senior.

"She was the first woman in my life, and I loved her a lot!" he recalls.

But when they began to fight and argue a lot, Mauricio decided it was time to break up.

"I met another girl; I was ready to move on and start another relationship," says Olarte.

Then Camila broke the startling news: she was pregnant.

The anxious and upset teen went to his father for help and advice. He asked him to go with him to face his ex-girlfriend's mother.

Both his father and mother, who are devout Catholics, went with him for that fateful meeting.

Camila's mother was a successful lawyer. "She told us, 'Don't worry, we'll handle it; some doctors are going to take care of this.'"

At the time, Columbia law banned all abortions without exception. But illegal abortions could be obtained.

At the emotional meeting, says Mauricio, Camila's mother was rude and abusive to her daughter, and Camila was in tears.

After the rancorous meeting, Mauricio's dad told him, "If you want an abortion, I'll support you." But he urged his son to consider other alternatives.

"In a way, *you* were an 'acci-

dent,'" he joked, referring to the fact that as a twin son, Mauricio was sort of an unexpected "extra."

The Olarte family, who, besides their twin boys, had a daughter, were certainly not rich, but very middle class.

"But look at us now," he said; "your mom and I are happily married, we have food on the table, and



Mauricio Olarte says men who've lived through an abortion crisis can help other men in the same boat.

a good family life!"

Mauricio listened worriedly to his father's counsel.

"I couldn't help thinking, *this is my son we're talking about!*" he remembers.

In the meantime, Camila's mother was making life miserable for her, often reducing her to tears as she pressured the girl to have an abortion, which she didn't want.

"My father said, 'If Camila stays with her mother, the baby will suffer because it will feel her resentment; so she can move in with us.'"

At the time Mr. Olarte made this

offer, he was temporarily out of a job. But they offered to take in the pregnant teen anyway.

When Camila's mom remained obstinate and belligerent, the tearful 17-year-old packed all her belongings and moved in with the Olarte family.

"I tried to speak with Camila's mom," says Mauricio. "I said, 'We're not asking you for any money—but the baby is going to need a grandmother; just give it love!'"

"I begged her to change her attitude: 'Camila is crying all the time—we need your help!'"

"But she said, 'Your father doesn't have a job, and your mother is only working part-time. How are you going to survive?'"

Mauricio was worried and conflicted about the morally right thing to do in his situation: he was the father of the child Camila was carrying; should he marry her, even though he was no longer in love with her?

"I went to a Catholic high school," he explains; "the principal was a priest who had known me for many years. He was very approachable and kind. I went to him and asked him what to do."

The elderly priest advised Mauricio not to contract holy matrimony under such conditions—but that he should live with her and take care of her.

"Try to do things right," he advised. "When you are ready, come back and I will marry you."

When Mauricio felt they could marry in good faith, the couple was married by the elderly priest.

During all this turmoil, Mauricio graduated from high school and began college.

Their son, Miguel (not his real name), was born in 1996, during Mauricio's first semester.

His classes started at 6:40 a.m. and ran until 2:00 p.m., six days a week. He worked at a hotel from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., in the food and beverage department, and later at the front desk.

He didn't get much sleep.

In 2005, Mauricio's job with a marketing and real estate firm led the young family to move to Germantown, Maryland. Their second son, who is now 12, was born while they were still in Maryland.

They returned to Columbia in April 2009.

"I came back to the United States again last year—this time to Baltimore—working with marketing and real estate, but with another company," says Mauricio.

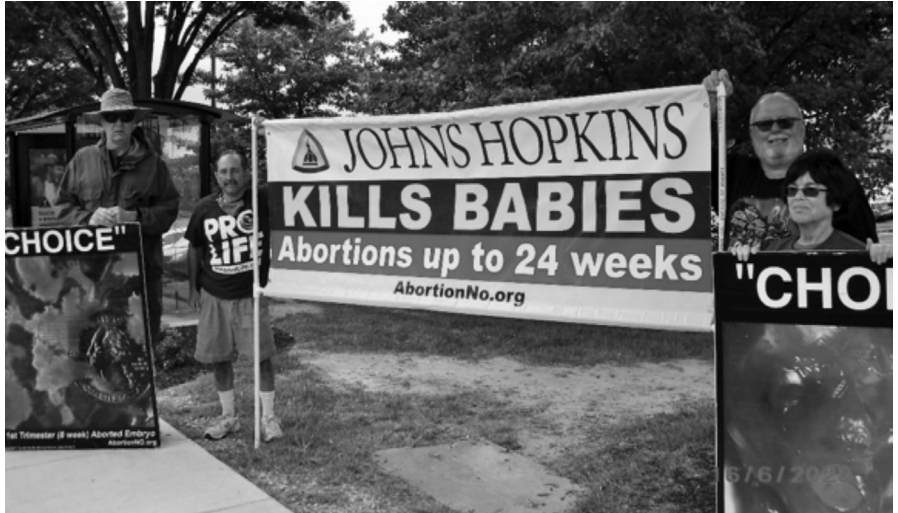
Mauricio came by himself. He and Camila were divorced four years ago.

Their two sons live with their mother in Columbia. Miguel has graduated from college and works as an industrial engineer.

Mauricio talks with his sons by phone almost every day.

"In December, they will come with me for the holiday," he says with a smile.

Early in July, Olarte was driving through Rockville when he saw some pro-lifers holding signs against abortion. One of them held



They're back!

After a 3-month forced hiatus due to coronavirus mandates, Defend Lifers returned to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in southeast Baltimore on June 17 to renew their protest of Hopkins Bayview's committing abortions of up to 24 weeks.

Many passersby, both drivers and pedestrians, greeted them with smiles and friendly waves.

"They're happy to see us because we're out here, in spite of COVID-19, fighting to help save babies," said pro-lifer Buzzy Stockman (from left: Jim Bocklage, Chris Stachlinski, Buzzy Stockman and Kelly Frederick). For more details, see ad on page 3.

a picture of the Virgin Mary.

He stopped and talked with them, then asked them how he could get involved with the pro-life movement. They gave him the phone number of Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

Ames and Olarte had a long talk over lunch.

Olarte thinks he and men like

him could help coach or counsel other men who find themselves in similar situations.

"I love to connect with people!" he explains. "It's easy for me to break the ice. People that I've just met, they talk with me about personal things in their life."

He hopes that some pro-life center will consider his suggestion.

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Lewis.

Will we stand and speak out against these outrages against the Faith? If not, part of the blame for the Church's sad state lies with us.

Bishop Schneider's efforts are

worth supporting. We must let our bishops and pastors know that it is *not* okay to allow government officials to dictate how and when Mass will be said and Sacraments administered.

We cannot allow these outrages to continue and we cannot allow

rioters to have their ways in our streets. If we don't stand now, we will find ourselves and the Faith on the margins and souls will be lost.

Let us pray and act (*ora et labora*) while we still have time.

BE NOT AFRAID!

Car crashes into Baltimore Planned Parenthood building

Planned Parenthood of Maryland's headquarters building in Baltimore was not open on Saturday afternoon, June 13, when a small red Volkswagen traveling north on Howard Street suddenly shifted into reverse and rammed with its rear bumper into the abortion facility.

The car crashed through a large plate glass display window and into the wall behind it.

Several persons working in a nearby business, hearing the noise of the impact, reportedly ran outside and saw the young male driver still in the car, gunning his motor.

They said that the wheels of the vehicle had spun so hard as it backed up over the curb and into the building, the tires were set on fire and splashed melted rubber along the sidewalk.

The smoking car set off the property's fire alarm system.

In a heavily redacted audio Computer Aided Dispatch report obtained

by *Defend Life*, a Fire Department dispatcher on the scene stated that only one person, the driver, was in the car.

"He's refusing to get out," she said. Then, apparently talking to someone on the scene, she added, "He can't get to him; the car is smoking real bad."

A redaction lasting about 53 seconds followed.

Then the 911 operator said, "I have police and paramedics en route to the location."

The driver was still in the car when police and an ambulance arrived.

According to a Baltimore City Police Department report, the driver was transported by ambulance to Shock Trauma.

The investigating police officer reported that in a follow-up interview with the driver at Shock Trauma, the driver said he was a diabetics patient and had passed out at the wheel.

The 38-year-old driver was reported in stable condition with no seri-

ous injuries, and only small cuts on his left arm.

The police did not issue the driver a citation.

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"Heartbeat" and "pain-capable" bills are on the right track. As we've seen, it's easy to argue successfully against something as impersonal as an admitting privilege or a regulation requiring an abortion center's hallway to be of a certain width.

On the other hand, technology—sonograms, prenatal surgeries, and the information-spreading internet—no longer permits a credible argument denying preborn children their humanity. All the baby-killers have left is *stare decisis*.

Hear instead what Justice Clarence Thomas thinks the Supreme Court should do with wrong decisions.

He writes in his dissent to *June v. Russo* that Supreme Court precedents "created the right to abortion out of whole cloth, without a shred of support from the Constitution's text. Our abortion precedents are grievously wrong and should be overruled."

For one thing, Thomas is saying, *stare decisis* wasn't even what produced so-called abortion rights in the first place.

In addition to crafting legislation focused on babies' humanity and ministering to mothers in crisis, we must pray for and elect leaders who will appoint justices like Clarence Thomas, who have the wisdom to recognize moral evil and the courage to *stare* against it.



Pro-lifer Erika Piotrowski sits outside the boarded-up display window of the Planned Parenthood abortion building in Baltimore several days after a driver crashed into the building.

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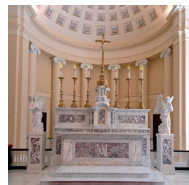
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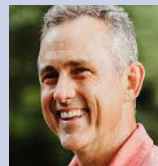
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