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## Pro-lifers defy Hogan Stay-at-Home Order, save babies' lives

When Baltimore police ordered John Roswell to leave the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood immediately or get slapped with a \$5,000 citation for violating Governor Larry Hogan's COVID-19-related Stay-at-Home Order, Roswell stood his ground.

Hogan's stringent Executive Order, issued March 30, required Maryland residents to stay in their homes, allowing them out only for "essential activities."

As soon as Sidewalk Advocates for Life leader Roswell and other SAFL members had arrived at the Howard Street abortion facility on the morning of April 1, Planned Parenthood's security guard called the police.

Two police officers arrived quickly and ordered them to leave. Instead, Roswell asked them if Officer Font was on duty.

"Thank God, he was!" said the pro-lifer, who had dealt with Font before and knew him to be a calm, intelligent and reasonable man.

### "My daily exercise"

About ten minutes after Roswell asked to talk to him, Font showed up.

"I told him we were an urgently



**Police Officer I. Puello leaves Planned Parenthood following a bogus complaint by the abortion facility that pro-lifers were "writing graffiti on the wall." Below, Students for Life chalk pro-life messages on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood.**



## Pro-lifers risk arrest, ask Gov. Hogan to stop abortions

Over fifty pro-lifers staged their own “High Noon” showdown at noon on April 25, defying Governor Larry Hogan’s March 30 coronavirus-based executive order forbidding groups of over 10 to assemble.

The pro-lifers called on the Governor to close down Maryland’s abortion clinics during the coronavirus pandemic.

Hogan’s executive order decreed that violators could be imprisoned for up to a year and fined up to \$5,000.

Gathering in front of the State House of Delegates in Annapolis, the pro-lifers asked Hogan to declare that abortion is a “non-essential” service, and order all abortion facilities to close immediately.

In a previous executive order on March 23, Hogan had ordered all “non-essential” businesses closed.

When a reporter had asked if abortion clinics were “non-essential,” the governor replied, “We in-



Photos: Charity Passalacqua

**Pro-lifers display a banner calling on Governor Larry Hogan to be pro-life like his late father, Congressman Larry Hogan, Sr.**

cluded in our directive an order to limit all elective surgeries . . . because we need to free up all beds for the things that are going to save people’s lives.”

But Hogan’s office later clarified his ambiguous statement, saying that abortion facilities *would* be allowed to remain open during the

pandemic.

### “The stroke of a pen”

“With the stroke of a pen, Governor Hogan could end abortion in Maryland during the coronavirus shutdown,” Defend Life Director Jack Ames told the protesters.

Ames had earlier phoned the Capitol Police, which provide law enforcement for state buildings in Annapolis, to let them know of the upcoming demonstration.

“I didn’t want to blindside them,” he explained.

A police officer told him that the Governor’s lockdown order was still in place, so the pro-lifers could not hold the demonstration.

“I said, ‘Well, we’re going to do it anyway—our constitutional rights trump executive orders!’” Ames recalled.

He got a quick follow-up call from the Capitol Police Chief, Colonel Michael Wilson.

“We had a very cordial conver-



**Defend Life Director Jack Ames talks with Capitol Police Chief Michael Wilson.**

sation,” said Ames. “I told him, ‘We’ll try to maintain order.’”

### “Be like your dad!”

The rally initially began with about ten people, but as more pro-lifers arrived, Ames urged them to spread out and maintain “social distancing.”

At least three or four police officers were present on foot, with many police cars along the perimeter of the demonstration.

Bishop Joseph Coffey, auxiliary bishop for the Catholic Diocese for the Military Services, told the pro-lifers, “I’m hoping that with this pandemic, we recommit ourselves to continue to advocate for life, and we convince the lawmakers to change the law.”

The bishop prayed that God would “Give us new courage, new strength, new energy, that we will continue to fight.”

The pro-lifers displayed a large banner proclaiming, “Governor Larry Hogan: Be Like Your Dad!—

Congressman Larry Hogan, a Great Pro-Lifer!”

Larry Hogan, Sr., the Governor’s father, was a U.S. Congressman who, the day after the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalized abortion, “got on the floor of Congress and condemned what the Supreme Court had just ruled,” Ames told the protesters.

The senior Hogan was the first speaker at the first March for Life in 1974, and introduced the first pro-life amendment in Congress.

“When Larry Hogan, Jr., ran for Congress in the 1990s against pro-abortion Steny Hoyer, he was pro-life,” said Ames.

“But then, somewhere along the line, when he ran for state office, he sort of changed. Maybe he thought he would be more electable.”

“But people can change,” he told the pro-lifers: “We’re going to be praying for Governor Hogan.

“He can close all the abortion mills in Maryland; wouldn’t that be great?” he asked the rally-goers, who responded with a loud cheer.

“That’s what we’re asking you to do, Governor; that’s why we’re here!” he concluded.

### “We’re asking you to move”

As Ames finished his talk, a police officer wearing a facemask approached him, calling out “Jack!”

“Who are you?” Ames asked.

“Mike Wilson,” the officer replied quietly.

“Oh, hi!” said Ames, shaking his hand.

“I believe I talked to you on the phone,” said Wilson.

“Oh, yeah, we had a friendly conversation,” Ames replied with a smile.

“What I’m here to tell you is, the gathering you have here is more than 10 people,” said Wilson, handing him a copy of the Governor’s executive order.

Jack asked if the pro-lifers could split up into separate groups of 10.

“We’re here to ask you to move,” said the Chief.

“We’re here to pray,” Ames explained; we’re going to say the Stations of the Cross.”

He reminded Wilson that in their phone call, he had brought up the pro-lifers’ First Amendment rights to assemble peacefully and to freedom of religion.

Subsequent words between the two men were so low as to be inaudible. Ames apparently parleyed with the Chief, asking him for ten more minutes to pray the Stations.

After Wilson left, Jack told the pro-lifers to separate in groups of 10, and to spread out more.

As they were spreading out, Wilson called out to Jack again, came up and shook his hand, and apparently asked for his business



**Bishop Joseph Coffey (center) leads pro-lifers in prayer as Father Michael DeAscanis, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church in Linthicum Heights, Md., looks on.**

## Lawsuit says Governor's orders violate constitutional rights:

Did Governor Larry Hogan violate the constitutional rights of Marylanders when he issued a series of COVID-19-related Executive Orders restricting their actions and behaviors?

On May 2, a group of state delegates, pastors and businesses filed a civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court charging that he did.

*Antietam Battlefield KOA et al. v. Lawrence J. Hogan Jr. et al.* asks for a court order barring enforcement of Hogan's orders, declaring that they violate the plaintiffs' First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, religion and peaceable assembly and their Fifth Amendment right to due process.

The plaintiffs also allege that the orders violate Articles 5 and 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and Title 14 of the Public Safety Article in the Maryland Code (Maryland's State Constitution).

### Hogan "has his sights on you"

Maryland State Del. Dan Cox, who is a litigant and lead attorney for the case, was scheduled to speak at the May 2 Cross MD Road Rally, sponsored by Reopen Maryland.

The ad hoc group, which is also a plaintiff in the lawsuit, has held rallies in Annapolis protesting the Governor's stay-at-home orders and restrictions on businesses and religious worship.

But according to the suit, Cox was "warned by a senior law enforcement official that the 'Governor has his sights on you,' and that if I attend, ride along and speak at the Reopen Rally, I would potentially be arrested because certain individuals had indicated they may



**Reopen Maryland co-founder Tim Walters rallies the crowd in Salisbury, their last stop on the Cross MD Road Rally.**

stop cars 'and arrest you.'

"Delegate Cox then confirmed with the Governor's senior advisor Andrew Cassilly and Chief Counsel Mike Pedone that if Del. Cox attends the Reopen Rally he may be arrested . . ."

Their response referred Cox to the Governor's March 17 Executive Order forbidding "large gatherings" and exposing Cox to criminal sanctions of one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine, according to the lawsuit.

As plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Delegates Cox, Warren Miller and Neil Parrott contend that the Governor's orders are "depriving them from exercising their constitutional oversight of the Governor as members of a co-equal branch of government" and "their right to free speech and assembly with constituents."

### Abortion is "urgent" procedure

Delegate Cox had been at odds with Hogan before.

On March 24, he wrote to the Governor, asking that he "halt elective abortions during this time of

worldwide pandemic."

State Health Secretary Robert Neall, replying for the Governor, stated that the Department of Health's March 24 order "prohibits all elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments . . ."

*"We expect that each licensed individual will exercise the individual's independent professional judgment in determining what procedures and appointments are urgent,"* the Health Secretary wrote [Emphasis added].

Pro-lifers understood the Health Secretary's somewhat ambiguous statement to mean that abortion facilities would be closed.

But the abortion clinics, apparently deciding that abortions were "urgent" procedures, kept their operations going.

The Governor's office later confirmed that the abortion facilities could legally remain open.

### Hogan is 'bishopric, pastor'

The plaintiffs, which include nine Protestant pastors and a Prot-

## Del. Cox was warned ‘Governor has his sights on you,’ suit claims

estant deacon, allege that Governor Hogan’s various Emergency Proclamations and Executive Orders discriminate against church gatherings, thus violating citizens’ First Amendment religious and assembly rights.

His March 30 Executive Order prohibits worship services of more than ten people, “regardless of whether Plaintiffs and their congregations meet or exceed social distancing and hygiene guidelines,” the lawsuit states.

“In fact, the Maryland State Police—acting under the direction of Governor Hogan’s orders—have publicly declared that they would enforce the Governor’s orders, by leaving threatening pamphlets on church door steps, and have threatened to impose criminal sanctions on those found in violation of them,” the lawsuit complains.

Yet, the State “allows so-called ‘essential’ commercial and non-religious entities (e.g., beer, wine and liquor stores, warehouse clubs, and ‘big box’ and ‘superstores’) to accommodate large crowds and

masses of persons without scrutiny or numerical limit,” the lawsuit alleges.

“The Governor has purported to become bishopric and pastor of every church in Maryland, by deciding when, where and how each church shall worship God,” say the plaintiffs.

“This includes his statements at press conferences that ‘I will decide when churches can meet, and it will begin with outdoor services sometime next month (May) likely . . .’

### Campgrounds face bankruptcy

The two businesses that are plaintiffs in the lawsuit are campgrounds that were forced to close by Governor Hogan’s March 30 Executive Order, which shut down all campgrounds immediately.

Antietam Campground KOA, in Williamsport, Md., near the historic Civil War battlefield of Antietam, is losing \$50,000 a month since it was forced to close, according to the lawsuit.

Its owners, “the Durham family,

including husband, wife, daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren, earn their entire living from working this business,” declares the lawsuit.

“The Governor’s Orders have caused the Durham family and Antietam KOA to face likely bankruptcy and permanent closure.”

The second business plaintiff, Adventure Park USA, in Frederick County, Md., states that it will lose \$700,000 in this Spring season.

“It is a family-owned business and will likely face bankruptcy if they are not opened immediately,” the suit alleges.

Adventure Park had to take out a \$150,000 loan in May to prevent a tax sale, the suit notes.

The suit contends that the Governor has no power given him either in statute or law to close businesses.

It also declares that “Plaintiffs’ businesses are being taken unlawfully in violation of the Constitution’s Fifth Amendment’s takings clause, which prohibits the government from taking any thing or property of value from a citizen, without due process of law and just compensation.”

The right to “due process” dates back to the Magna Carta, written in 1215.

### Judge denies restraining order

On May 20 a federal judge denied the lawsuit’s request for a temporary restraining order to immediately block Governor Hogan’s Executive Orders.

U.S. District Court Judge Catherine Blake, who sits in the federal



Md. Congressman Andy Harris tells cheering rally-goers in Salisbury, “I’ll tell you as a doctor—a bad economy is bad for health!”

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needed service, there to direct pregnant women to pregnancy centers where they could get needed help, and that we had saved two babies over the past seven days,” said Roswell.

“Next, I pointed out that the Governor’s order doesn’t actually require us to *stay* at home—that we’re allowed to be outside to exercise, and that I walk up and down that sidewalk there four or five mornings a week—that’s my daily exercise!”

Roswell went on to say that the pro-lifers have First Amendment rights of assembly, free speech and freedom of religion, so they had the right to be there to speak or pray.

“You’re within your rights,” Font agreed. Saying that he would try to work out a reasonable solution to the situation, he went into the Planned Parenthood building.

When he emerged, he told the pro-lifers, “They want you to stay away from their patients.”

He paused, then added slowly, for emphasis, “But they are *not* their patients until they have gone through the door.”

Font went over and told the other police officers, who by then numbered four, of his decision.

### “Blatantly unconstitutional”

Sidewalk Advocates for Life had appealed for help to the Thomas More Society, which responded with an April 13 letter that explicitly spells out the pro-lifers’ legal rights to continue their sidewalk counseling in front of the abortion clinic.

The national public interest law firm warned in its letter that “if the abortion clinic is allowed to remain open, shutting down the opposing



**‘Christmas,’  
the security  
guard at  
Baltimore’s  
Planned  
Parenthood,  
snaps a  
photo of a  
*Defend Life*  
reporter.**

view of SAFL members would be blatantly unconstitutional ‘viewpoint discrimination,’ exposing law enforcement officials and the city to a lawsuit.”

Hogan’s March 30 Executive Order “expressly allows . . . outdoor exercise activities such as walking,” as long as social distancing is observed, the TMS letter notes.

“Equally important,” says TMS, “the Order took extra effort” to make sure certain activities are not hindered by the Stay-at-Home stipulations, “including the movement of non-profit organizations providing essential services to low-income persons.

“Counseling economically disadvantaged women about alternative healthcare options other than abortion, along with providing them resources to access these options, as SAFL members frequently do, fit comfortably with these excep-

tions,” the law firm advises.

### Guard named Christmas

After Governor Hogan had declared a state of emergency in Maryland on March 5 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the number of women coming to the Howard Street clinic for abortions seemed to drop.

By early May, however, the number was “definitely picking up,” said Roswell.

But so were the number of babies being saved. Since the pandemic began, SAFL has been saving an average of one baby a week, the pro-lifer noted happily.

One reason may be that the “pro-choice escorts” have failed to show up at the Baltimore abortion clinic ever since the state of emer-

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## In My Humble Opinion

# Pandemic reveals our ignorance of civil rights, Catholic heritage

By Janet Baker

As I write this, we in Maryland are just starting to crawl out from under the rocks under which we were ordered to hide due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I suppose the impact of the actual coronavirus can be debated. However, there is no doubt that our collective and individual reactions to the virus have made apparent the deficiencies in some basic understandings.

We have forgotten our traditions and heritages, both as Catholics and U.S. citizens.

Let's first look at our understanding (or lack thereof) of what it means to be a United States citizen.

We enjoy certain rights that many in the world don't—and that includes other “free” countries, such as those in Western Europe.

We have many of these rights enshrined in the United States Constitution, particularly in the first ten amendments to the Constitution, otherwise known as the Bill of Rights.

A common misunderstanding is that the Constitution confers these rights upon us. It does not.

What it does do is guarantee that the U.S. government will not infringe upon our already-existing rights. The Declaration of Independence states quite explicitly that God bestows these rights upon us.

We also hear quite frequently that the United States is a democracy. No it isn't, and it never was.

The Founding Fathers were actually quite afraid of pure democra-

cies, understanding that they often devolved into mob rule.

We are in fact a constitutional republic: we elect representatives to enact laws, but these laws must fit within the framework of the United States Constitution. Any such “laws” that contradict the Constitution are not valid law at all.

Let's look at the First Amendment to the Constitution. When one mentions the First Amendment, one is usually talking of freedom of speech.

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But that's not the only right guaranteed by this amendment. Two others are: freedom of peaceable assembly and freedom of religion.

There are others, but I highlight these two because they have taken great insults over the past two months from government officials who are sworn to uphold the Constitution.

I urge all to read these amendments, and to notice that there is no exception to government's obligation to uphold these rights. Pandemics are not an excuse.

I have heard nonsense to the effect that the Founding Fathers never encountered a pandemic of this sort,

and had they done so, of course they would have permitted such exceptions.

Nonsense.

Those men encountered disease in their time, but they were astute enough to understand that disease could be used as an excuse to undermine the rights that many of them fought to obtain.

We have been told these past few weeks that we can't gather in groups larger than ten, even in family gatherings. This is a direct affront to freedom of assembly.

In ridiculous zeal to enforce this order (not bearing the weight of law), police officers have ordered married couples to separate in public, arrested a father for playing ball with his children, etc.

We were ordered to stay at home and were only allowed out for what the government arbitrarily decided were “essential” reasons. Ladies and gentlemen, this is called *house arrest*.

The encroachment upon our freedoms is obvious to many readers of *Defend Life*. Regrettably, I've reason to believe that not all readers have a proper understanding of what they are literally trashing in order to obtain what they think is safety.

Regarding our situation in Maryland, I've seen citizens commenting on Governor Hogan's Facebook page, not feeling “safe” because others are living freely and thus literally calling for the institution of martial law—by name.

Not only were they passively ac-

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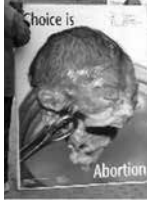
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Flag Day



Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



**July 27-31** are the dates for the **20th Annual Face the Truth Tour**. Once again, we will expose the **ugly evil truth** about abortion. We will have **3 STOPS** each day along heavily traveled roads and highways showing large untouched pictures of aborted babies made in the image of **Almighty God**.



These babies are slaughtered daily on the altar of convenience by our increasingly pagan society. The dates and locations of all **15** stops are shown on page **16**.

In the wake of **Covid-19**, we have the shutdown of our society and massive unemployment. Our Churches were closed. And now we have **RIOTS** in our major cities! But our **20th Annual Face the Truth Tour will still go on as scheduled with YOUR help and the help of GOD!**

We will maintain distancing as we have always done and wear face masks if required, just as we did at our large rally at the State House in Annapolis on April 25. We implored Governor Larry Hogan to shut down the abortion mills in Maryland during the pandemic. **Bishop Joseph Coffey** was our speaker.

## **Several Things YOU can do to make our TRUTH Tour a success:**

- Be on our **26-member CORE TEAM**. Travel with us all **5** days and attend **Holy Mass** each day. Hear inspirational speakers each day. We pick up all expenses for core team members including travel, meals, and housing. **14 slots filled, 12 slots remain – sign up NOW!**
- We want students, both high school and college students, as well as adults to be on our **CORE TEAM**. Students must be **15** years old by September, or accompanied by an older sibling, or relative.
- Sign up, by contacting **Sophia Gillespie** at **540-692-5284** or **[Sophia@DefendLife.org](mailto:Sophia@DefendLife.org)**. Sophia is our Recruiting Director. She is studying to be a nurse.
- If you cannot be on our **CORE TEAM** all 5 days, come be with us an entire day, or two.





## Your Help Also Needed with Housing, Transportation & Meals

- Homes for picnics Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings (Wednesday evening in the Westminster area, Thursday in the Baltimore area, and Friday evening in the Ellicott City area).
- Luncheon locations Thursday and Friday (Both in the North Baltimore-Towson Area).
- Overnight housing in private homes for males Monday thru Thursday nights (close to **1st STOP** the following morning — see page **16**).

### **Females will stay in hotels!**

If you can help with any of these important needs, please contact **Therese Rodriguez, RN**, our Truth Tour Director. Therese is the mother of **6**, teaches Natural Family Planning, and is a Financial Adviser. I have known her since her college days at Catholic University. Contact Therese at **301-512-7451**, or ***Therese@DefendLife.org***

## Your Financial Support Also Needed!

Like everything else, there are real costs to fund this Truth Tour such as:

- Stipends for Directors and Priests and Speakers
- Overnight housing for Female Core Team members
- Vehicle rentals (if we can't borrow cars from individuals)
- Food, water, ice, and gas
- Radio ads on Rush Limbaugh if we have the \$
- Bus rental for **White House** stop



Fr. Wilde



Rush

All told we need to raise **\$16,000**. Several anonymous donors have once again pledged **\$8,000** if we can raise another **\$8,000**. This simply means that your donation will be matched **\$ for \$!** In other words, your donation of **\$500** dollars becomes **\$1,000**, **\$250** dollars becomes **\$500**, and **\$100** dollars becomes **\$200**.

Please send your **most generous tax deductible donation** postmarked no later than **August 3** to qualify for this matching grant or give on-line at ***DefendLife.org***. Remember this! **Our Great and Glorious God** is never out done in generosity!

**Long Live Christ Our King!**

*Jack Ames*

**Jack Ames, P.E., Director**

Enclosure

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cepting strictures on their own lives, they were even calling for more and for punishments for those who ventured outside their doors.

The heavy hand of corona-tyranny has also been felt by churches.

They have been ordered to close, not to distribute Holy Communion, and limited participation in weddings and funerals.

In one locality, heavy-handed officials tried to tell a church that the distribution of Communion is “not an essential part of worship.”

What? The government is dictating to a church its doctrines and worship?

Well, at least the left-wingers have admitted that “separation of church and state” is just a flimsy excuse to inhibit preaching against abortion.

We can, and should, also take great umbrage at our bishops for not only cooperating with the governor’s unconstitutional wrapping of tentacles around Catholic life, but actually tightening the stranglehold on their own initiative.

People have been without Holy Communion for over two months now.

The Archdiocese of Washington has at least allowed “drive-thru” confessions, but Baltimore didn’t even allow that! Therefore, some were literally wallowing in mortal sin with no recourse available. I pray no one had the misfortune to die in that state.

As I write this, Hogan has started to open up the state, but has pulled a cop-out in leaving that to the counties. Thus, Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, and Baltimore City still remain closed. Other counties have opened in varying degrees.

As people are deficient in their understanding of what U.S. citizenship entails, so are they unaware of what the Church teaches regarding these matters.

Many parishes have been live-streaming Masses. While that’s nice, it is by no means equivalent to actually being physically present at Mass.

We’ve been urged to make spiritual communions. Graces can be conferred by these, but they are in no way equal to the actual reception of Holy Communion—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

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The bishops seem to have lost sight of the fact that the Church’s primary mission is to save souls from hell and to get them to heaven.

Many local prelates, in their public addresses these two months, have stated that physical safety of their congregations is their first priority.

Such is not the mind of Christ. Eternal salvation and physical safety are both goods, but there’s a vast difference between the two in terms of priority.

Our Lord told us not to fear what can kill the body, but the soul. For the bishops to deprive Catholics of the Sacraments out of fear of a virus is nothing short of serious dereliction of duty.

Sadly, many sincere Catholics have gone along with this error—in-

cluding some pro-life activists.

So what is to be done to remedy this two-fold amnesia regarding our identities as Catholics and Americans?

We need to address this, lest another situation arises and we find ourselves once again placing our heads on the chopping block.

Much of the solution will revolve around our own education, and this means that those of us who suffered through both Catholic and public education in the 1960s will have to remedy those deficiencies ourselves.

For good information about our Faith, I suggest the old Baltimore Catechism and *This is the Faith*, by Canon Ripley. Both are available at TAN Publishing.

I would also suggest any and all lecture series by the late Father John Hardon (an actual faithful Jesuit), available from [lifeeternal.org](http://lifeeternal.org).

For learning about our national heritage, a good resource is the Institution on the Constitution, founded by Michael Peroutka (See [theamericanview.com](http://theamericanview.com)).

As advised by my late father, I recommend Hillsdale College as a resource for learning about American tradition. Their site is [Hillsdale.edu](http://Hillsdale.edu).

Of course, I recommend also regular reception of the Sacraments and regular prayer, particularly the Rosary.

We need to intercede for our world now more than ever, as we see so many actually rushing towards chains and slavery.

And we need to take public stands against evil, be it witnessing at the abortuaries or protesting the shuttering of our churches.

We cannot hunker down in our little caves. We are the Church Militant, not the Church Mousey.

## Book Review

# God comes first with Frank Kelly

By Diane Levero

Frank Kelly was working for an engineering and drafting supply company in Pennsylvania, and doing so well that his boss asked him to move down to Baltimore and open up that market for the company.

Things went well for a couple of years—until his immediate boss, J.P., invited him to a convention of government agency prospects in Washington, D.C.

At the convention, Frank was working the company's display booth when he got a note from J.P. telling him to come up to room 604.

Kelly walked into the hotel room and froze when he saw two women sitting on the bed in bathrobes.

"Let me introduce you to 'Mary' and 'Jane,'" said J.P. "They're here to service our clients."

"What do you mean?" asked Kelly.

"You know what I mean," said J.P. "When guys come to the booth, give them your card with this room number on it and send them up. Why don't you take a turn with them?" he offered.

"I don't want any part of this," Frank replied, and bolted from the room.

J.P. chased after him. "What's the matter with you?" he yelled. "This is the way we do business in Washington. This is what the guys expect. If I didn't give them what they want, I wouldn't get any business!"

"It's not the way *I* do business,"

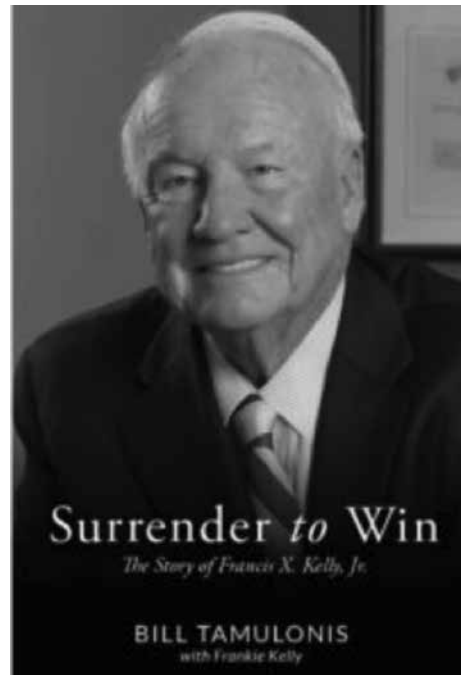
Frank retorted.

Kelly quit the job.

Frank and his wife Janet had four young sons, a foster daughter and a large mortgage on their new split-level house in Timonium, Md.

They had savings enough to keep them going for five months.

Kelly found work in direct sales



for several insurance companies while he took community college courses in Dundalk and Essex at night to earn his insurance license.

With hard work and aggressive and shrewd networking, starting in a basement office in his Timonium home, Frank, Janet and his four sons built their own insurance business.

It eventually grew into one of the region's top health insurance brokers and administrators, Frank X. Kelly & Associates, Inc., with over 500 employees.

But everything was not all rosy along the way.

Frank's grandfather had been an alcoholic, who deserted his family.

Frank's own father was also an alcoholic. Like Frank, his dad was a natural born leader, a smart and successful salesman, and a devout Catholic.

But he waged a battle with alcoholism for most of his life, alternating between nasty drinking binges and being a loving and good father.

In spite of his problems, he managed to instill in Frank important life lessons about right and wrong, self-discipline, and responsibility.

When he finally joined Alcoholics Anonymous and won his battle against alcoholism, he told Frank, "Put God first in all that you do; make Him the center of your life."

That advice has guided Frank all his life.

Like his dad, Frank was a heavy drinker; but he swore to himself that he would never let alcohol rob him and his family the way it robbed his father.

But heavy drinking was a part of his business and social life, and along with it came a constant fear and anxiety he couldn't shake.

Finally, he admitted his problem and joined Alcoholics Anonymous.

Working the Twelve Steps was a real struggle, but he made it. He has not had a drink since 1971.

Freedom from alcohol allowed Kelly to fully unleash all his God-given abilities, and he had them in spades.

He had an infectious sense of humor, a genuine love for people

and a desire to help them, and a genius for getting to the root of a problem and working with others to achieve a consensus.

*Surrender to Win* describes how Kelly:

- Served for three terms in the Maryland State Senate, earning a reputation for being a fiscally conservative senator who couldn't be bought.
- Played a pivotal role in the state funding and building of Oriole Park at Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium.
- Led the campaign to make Maryland's Shock Trauma Center a world leader among trauma centers.

In 1990 Kelly's Senate career was going gangbusters. He had been elected three times by a landslide, and was cruising toward a fourth term.

Then the pro-abortion side of the Senate introduced a bill permitting unrestricted rights to abortion until birth, even without parental consent. It was one of the most liberal abortion laws in the country.

The media, the majority of the Senate, and the majority of the pub-

lic were all on the pro-abortion side.

There was only one way to go: a filibuster.

Kelly helped organize and lead the filibuster, which lasted 12 hours a day, with pro-life senators each talking for one hour.

Pressure to knock it off came from pro-abortion Catholic State

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Senate President Mike Miller, Governor William Donald Schaefer, and the media, which criticized Kelly for reading the Bible on the floor of the Senate.

After eight days of filibustering—during which all other legislative activity in the Senate was put on hold—Mike Miller finally caved, and agreed to a compromise: the issue would go to referendum. The voters would decide.

In the referendum the voters of the People's Republic of Maryland approved the pro-abortion law, 60% to 40%.

Not surprisingly, Kelly lost his re-election bid, along with three other senators who had joined the filibuster.

When Frank turned 55, he turned the operation of the thriving family business over to his sons, which gave him time for public service, which he loved.

In 2012, St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore County was in danger of closing down due to bankruptcy. Frank led negotiations to save the 150-year-old Catholic hospital, helping the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) to acquire St. Joseph's.

UMMS signed an agreement with the Catholic Church that St. Joseph's would continue to follow the Church's religious principles and beliefs, and St. Joseph's became the new University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center.

Using his negotiating abilities and his fundraising expertise, Kelly also worked indefatigably to help the Community College of Baltimore County, Morgan State University, and the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

He also had more time to enjoy his beloved family, including his 21 grandchildren.

*Surrender to Win* has a relaxed, fun format that makes it an easy read. Frank, his wife and sons, and many others relate funny, poignant, or moving vignettes in sidebars or breakouts. There are lots of photos.

Through it all Kelly's message is clear: the most important thing for all of us is to "surrender every day to God and then get busy with what we think He wants us to do. The key is to trust God and show up."



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## One Man's Opinion

# Men's sexual objectification of women is at root of abortion

By Bob Brown

Abortion doesn't start with a woman's decision to control her own body.

Behind every abortion-minded woman is a porn-minded man.

Okay, this is not a universal, no more than "Behind every great man there's a great woman" is an absolute.

But in the past few decades, men have taken the sexual objectification of women to unprecedented extremes, hiding behind "freedom of speech."

In turn, women have objectified the children created in sexual acts. The fact of sixty million aborted babies in the U.S. alone speaks of an epidemic of objectification.

To understand objectification, one must recognize its moral component. Objectification consists of misdirected worship and erroneous valuation.

The Bible teaches that there is only One who is worthy of worship: God. So says the second commandment.

Jesus reinforces this in Luke 10, explaining to the lawyer testing Him that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

Thus, objectification comes when we devote our heart, soul, strength, and mind to anything or anyone other than God—Father, Son, and Spirit.

It's difficult *not* to erect idols, sexual or otherwise. We probably all have done so at one time or another.

Every one of us battles the flesh in this life, idolizing what we shouldn't. But if we would worship as we should—*Whom* we should—other desires will take their rightful place.

The Bible is clear: The only place for sexual intimacy is in a marriage between a man and a woman. Sex is a good thing there. In fact, the Apostle Paul says that except for an agreed upon time set

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aside for prayer, a husband and wife should go at it like bunnies. (I might need to check my translation of 1 Corinthians 7.)

Ironically, misdirected worship—holding something with inappropriately high esteem—simultaneously fosters very low regard for the object of worship. When men don't value women in accord with the Bible's prescription, abuse, rape, and murder run rampant—look all around!

Many women incorporate this low self-image and wind up abusing their bodies and aborting their babies.

Even Christians who don't take objectification to a level of physical destruction still suffer broken relationships and an impotent spiritual life. Does it ever seem like your prayers don't "work"? The Apostle Peter warns (1 Peter 3) that failing

to honor your wife hinders prayers. He declares in his next epistle (2 Peter 2) that following after sensuality destroys truth.

What do we do?

Parents: We must have the courage to play hardball with our children's computer, phone, and TV habits. With love, patience, and wisdom, though, we must aim to equip our children (and grandchildren) with self-control so that they desire to pursue purity until marriage.

In our own marriages, our best teaching tool is to model love and fidelity for our spouse. And we must also prepare our children for a world where every sort of non-biblical relationship is flaunted.

Christians *should* celebrate their homosexual neighbors as people who, just like us, bear the image of God—but without celebrating their same-sex union.

Women: At the end of Ephesians 5, Paul says husbands must love their wives, and wives must respect their husbands.

A woman's respect for her husband and for her own body are intertwined, and it begins before she's married. A young lady must understand men's sinful weakness to objectify women's bodies. She must, therefore, dress modestly, preserving and reserving not just her body but also the *sight* of certain parts of her body for her husband alone.

Men, teens, and boys: We who indulge in porn or play racy video games or kick back with a steamy movie must repent. Repent means to stop and go in a different direction.

God is merciful: He knows our frame, as Psalm 103 says, that we are dust. Still, our weakness is no excuse to aid and abet the objectification of women, which fortifies the culture of death.

Abortion ends with a man's decision to control his own body.

## SAVES, from page 6

gency was declared.

The escorts, called "deathscorts" by the pro-lifers, often grabbed brochures the pro-lifers gave the women and ripped them up.

They have used threats, intimidation, physical blocking and sometimes physical aggression to keep the pro-lifers from talking or giving brochures to abortion-minded women.

In their absence, the lone

Planned Parenthood security guard on duty has worked hard to thwart SAFL's efforts.

He has trailed pro-lifers to their cars, and frequently takes pictures of them and their license plates.

"He claims to be a Catholic—says he knows how to say the 'Hail Mary,'" said Roswell. "He lies about everything!"

The guard, who spoke with a slight accent, told *Defend Life* his name was "Christmas—like the holiday"—and said he was from Liberia.

He also claimed to be a member of Knights of St. John International (a Catholic fraternal service organization).

## Graffiti on the wall?

On May 7, Towson University Tigers for Life President Erica Caporaletti brought four Students

for Life members from area schools, armed with colored chalk, to the Baltimore Planned Parenthood.

The five young women proceeded to chalk messages on the sidewalk, such as "Abortion is *not* your only option," "We're here for you and your baby," "We love you," and "You deserve better than abortion."

Not long after, a police car pulled up, and an officer got out and went into Planned Parenthood.

After talking to the security guard, who had apparently called the police, Officer I. Puello came out and told the pro-lifers, "The call we got said you were writing graffiti on the wall!"

"What you're doing is okay," she added cheerfully; "just don't block the door. Take care!"

After the officer left, the students remained, finished their chalking, then properly socially distanced in a line in quiet prayer.

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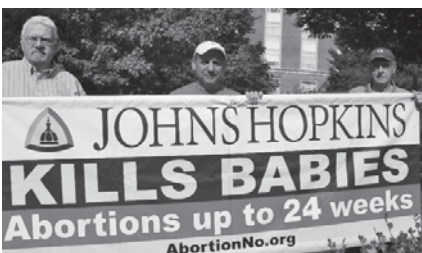
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card, which Ames gave to him.

Ames said that Wilson told him, “Thank-you so much” for maintaining peaceful order.

Pro-lifer Mark Desmarais led the pro-lifers in the Stations of the Cross.

As Desmarais was finishing up the Stations, a female police officer used a bullhorn to order the demonstrators to leave, saying that they could be fined \$5,000.

“I held up five fingers, meaning, ‘Give us five more minutes!’” said Ames.

The pro-lifers finished praying the Stations and dispersed.

No one was arrested.

“I think the police were on our side!” said Ames.

*To see a video of the April 25 rally, go to: [facebook.com/DefendLifeMarylandDCVirginia/videos/242661290145036/](https://facebook.com/DefendLifeMarylandDCVirginia/videos/242661290145036/).*

**LAWSUIT, from page 5**

courthouse in Baltimore, ruled that granting a temporary restraining order blocking the Governor’s restrictions might cause more COVID-19 infections.

The underlying lawsuit still remains active.

In addition to Hogan, the lawsuit names Health Secretary Robert Neall, Deputy Health Secretary Fran Phillips and Maryland State Police Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III as defendants.

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**Re-Open Md. holds huge car protest in Annapolis**

Photos: Charity Passalacqua

**Hundreds of protesters in their cars jammed the streets of Annapolis April 18 in a raucous rally, protesting Governor Larry Hogan’s executive order closing “non-essential” businesses and churches due to the coronavirus. Drivers blasted rock music, their car horns and car alarms and waved American flags, clogging the streets around Church Circle and State Circle.**

**One car displayed a large sign reading, “Freedom to Assemble Is an Essential Right.”**

**Signs painted on the back of a pick-up truck read, “That face mask you were duped into wearing symbolizes your losing your freedom of speech,” and “Government is the only non-essential business.”**



**One driver held up a sign demanding, “Open up our Churches: We need Communion!” Archbishop William Lori had ordered all Catholic churches in the Baltimore Archdiocese closed on March 15, a step criticized by some Catholics as an over-reaction, unnecessarily depriving Catholics of the Sacraments.**

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