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Abp. Lori lets pro-LGBT pastor stay past Sept. deadline

Fr. Muth preaches pro-Black Lives Matter, anti-cop homilies

Father Joseph Muth, the long-time pro-LGBT activist pastor of St. Matthew Church in Baltimore, who was ordered by Archbishop Lori to retire in September, is staying on, at least until June.

Father Muth, who is 72, had asked the Archbishop to allow him to remain as pastor until 2023, when he turns 75.

But Lori denied his request in a January 2020 letter, saying it would be “in the best interests” for Muth to retire in September 2020.

In early September, when it became clear that Father Muth was still active as pastor, *Defend Life* asked the Archdiocesan office for clarification on his status.

In a September 9 email, Mary Ellen Russell, director of Community Affairs for the Archdiocese’s Communications Department, wrote:

“In response to your inquiry regarding Father Muth’s retirement, the Archbishop recently extended his service as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament and St. Matthew parishes until June 30, 2021.

“The current health crisis will delay the two parishes from entering into the Pastorate Planning Process, which he [Archbishop Lori] *would like to occur under the leadership*



Father Joseph Muth preaches at the September 13 livestream Mass at St. Matthew Church in Baltimore.

of a new pastor who can shepherd the parishes through this lengthy and important process” (Emphasis added).

Marched in Pride Parade

Father Muth, who was ordained in the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1974 and has served in various archdiocesan churches since then, has labored indefatigably for years to promote not only acceptance but

downright approval of active homosexual and other LGBT behavior by both St. Matthew Church and the Catholic Church in general.

The priest has been an active member of New Ways Ministry, a Maryland-based national organization founded in 1977 to push for acceptance of active gay and lesbian Catholics within the Catholic Church.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith condemned the

group's positions on homosexuality in 1999.

Father Muth founded LEAD (LGBT Educating and Affirming Diversity) at St. Matthew in 2010, and led the group to national as well as local recognition and influence.

Defend Life photographed Muth marching in Baltimore's Gay Pride Parade in 2016.

“Trained Marxists”

Since the extension of his pastorate, Father Muth has focused many of his homilies on promoting various liberal causes.

“Yesterday, as some of you know, we had our second Black Lives Matter rally, at the corner of Northern Parkway and Charles Street,” he told viewers of his livestream Mass on August 30.

“About 150 people from churches and synagogues were there. It was a great celebration of life!” he added.

Muth was referring to the Baltimore Black Lives Matter rallies

sponsored by a coalition of Protestant and Catholic churches, two synagogues, and “racial justice” groups.

Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 by three black women: Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi, ostensibly in response to the killing of Trevon Martin by George Zimmerman.

Cullors said in a 2015 interview that she and Garza were “trained Marxists.”

Black Lives Matter supports abortion, homosexuality (all three co-founders are LGBT activists), and an anti-family agenda (“Did you know that Black Lives Matter supports abortion, homosexuality, anti-family agenda?” *Lifesitenews.com*, June 10, 2020).

Handcuffed due to warrant

In the same homily, Father Muth lamented the shooting of Jacob Blake, shot by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on August 23. “He was shot in the back seven times, witnessed by his

three young sons; and now he is paralyzed and unable to walk,” said Muth.

“He was not charged with any crime at this point, yet they had him handcuffed to the bed for a little while this week—just like what happened 160 years ago with slaves that escaped their master's plantation!”

Muth's assertion that Blake was not charged with any crime was, in fact, not true.

On August 23 police were responding to a 911 call that Blake was violating a restraining order against him stemming from a sexual assault claim.

Blake was forbidden from going to the home of his alleged victim, who told 911 that Blake was at her residence.

The responding officers were aware he had an open warrant for felony sexual assault, trespassing, and domestic abuse.

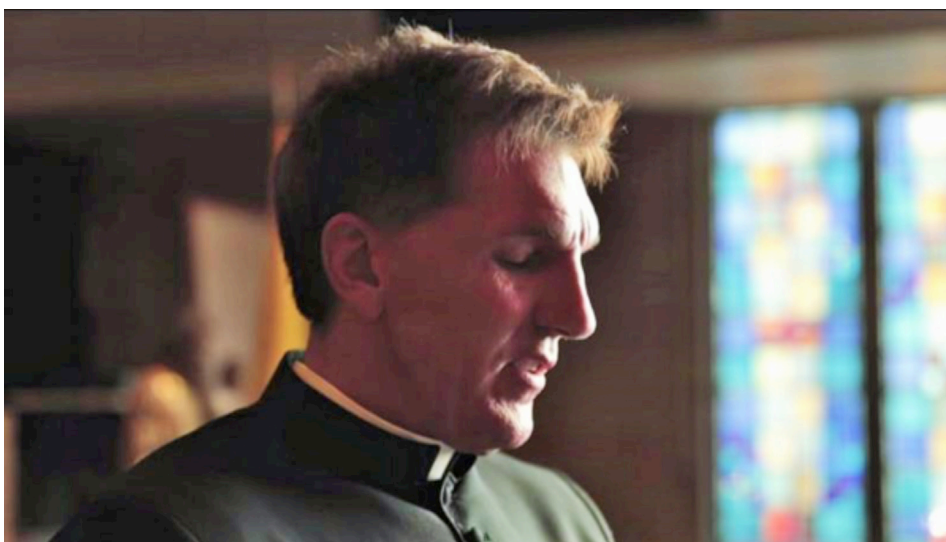
Blake had been handcuffed to the bed due to the outstanding warrant. The warrant was vacated (made not binding) by a judge and the handcuffs were removed on August 28, but Blake is still facing the sexual assault and other charges.

The Kenosha police union said that Blake was wielding a knife at the time of his arrest. He put one of the arresting officers in a headlock and shrugged off two attempts to taser him, they allege (www.foxnews.com/politics/Jacob-blake-sexual-assault).

“Spit hood”

The following Sunday, at his September 6 livestream Mass, Father Muth told listeners, “We haven't even gotten over the mourning of one of these people when another one dies, another one is killed, another is shot!

“This week, there's Daniel Prude,



Father James Altman declares, “You can't be Catholic and be a Democrat. Period. Their party platform absolutely is against everything the Catholic Church teaches.”

of Rochester, New York.”

The 41-year-old black man died after a March 23 arrest, but was in the news due to the release of a police video of the arrest.

The video shows Prude, who reportedly had mental problems, sitting handcuffed and naked on the street, screaming at the police.

Police put a mesh bag, called a “spit hood,” over his head, because Prude was spitting at them and they were concerned about the coronavirus.

A medical examiner ruled Prude’s death a homicide caused by complications of asphyxia in the setting of physical restraint, excited delirium, and acute PCP intoxication.

In the same homily, Muth quoted Father Bryan Massingale, a black, gay Catholic priest and professor of theology at Fordham University, who said, “The only reason for the persistence of racism is because it benefits white people; not enough white Americans want substantive change.”

“Right-wing priests”

In his September 13 livestream Mass, Father Muth offered advice to voters in the upcoming presidential election.

“Some right-wing priests are saying it’s a sin to vote for Joe Biden,” he observed.

Muth was apparently referring to Father James Altman, a Wisconsin priest who said in a video, “You can’t be a Catholic and be a Democrat. Period. Their party platform absolutely is against everything the Catholic Church teaches.”

Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, endorsed Father Altman’s statement, saying, “Thank you Fr. Altman for your COURAGE. If you love Jesus & His Church & this nation . . . please HEED THIS MESSAGE.”



Speaking out for black unborn babies

Dick Schaefer (right) and Gay Block hold signs at the Black Lives Matter rally on York Road in Baltimore September 12 that read, “Abortion Kills 1,000 Black Babies Every Day . . . in the USA.”

Schaefer, who regularly sidewalk counsels at Baltimore’s Planned Parenthood, said he knows that Black Lives Matter is a Marxist organization, but he took part in the rally because he wanted to be a pro-life voice for unborn black babies. He thinks that a lot of people taking part in the rally weren’t aware that BLM is Marxist.

The Democratic Party platform unequivocally supports abortion with no restrictions as well as same-sex “marriage.”

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden says he would codify *Roe v. Wade*, repeal the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding for abortions, and protect federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Biden also supports gay “marriage.” He has officiated at two same-sex weddings, including one held at his own home in 2017.

In contrast to Father Altman’s assertions, said Father Muth, “Others are saying it’s a sin to vote for Trump for a variety of the same reasons!”

Muth offered this advice to voters: “But let me remind you, brothers and sisters, it is *not* a sin to vote. It is *not* a sin to vote for the candidate of your choice.

“It is not a sin to vote for what you have prayed for and prayed about in seeking direction. It is not a sin to vote for your future.”

Pro-lifer pays \$500 fine for baby signs: will appeal fine, citation

John Roswell, who heads Sidewalk Advocates for Life in Baltimore, has paid the \$500 fine imposed on him by the Baltimore Housing Department for placing pro-life signs on the sidewalk and utility pole in front of the city's Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.

On the advice of attorneys from the Thomas More Society, Roswell paid the fine before the Due Date of September 3.

Failure to pay the fine by that date would have made him subject to a default penalty, tripling the amount of the fine.

Roswell also had to pay the fine so that the Thomas More Society, a national public interest law firm, could request a hearing on the matter.

"We've requested a hearing before the Environmental Control Board, but they haven't met since March, so we don't know when we'll get a hearing," TMS attorney Cameron Guenzel told *Defend Life*.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life has been waging an ongoing battle with the Baltimore City Department of Housing since January, when department officials threatened its director with citations and fines if he set up any sign on the sidewalk, saying that doing so violated a city sign ordinance.

Roswell took down his standing signs.

But the lack of such signs seriously hampered the pro-lifers' ability to communicate with abortion-minded women.

Free speech violation

Believing that the Housing Department was unconstitutionally restricting his right of free speech,



A clinic "escort" blocks a Defend Life photographer from taking a photo of another escort who is blocking John Roswell from talking to a woman or giving her a pro-life flyer.

on July 13, Roswell resumed placing pro-life signs on the sidewalk in front of the clinic.

The City of Baltimore charged him with violating the sign ordinance on July 23.

TMS attorneys have argued with city officials for months that the city sign ordinance that Roswell allegedly violated is being improperly applied to Roswell's signs.

"The bottom line in this case is that the attempt by a few people in Baltimore's city agencies to shoe-horn Mr. Roswell's speech into the framework for restaurant menus and marquee signs is illogical, inappropriate, and ultimately, unconstitutional," Guenzel wrote to an attorney at the Housing Department Code Enforcement office in June.

Attempts by TMS to obtain information from the Housing Department in order to proceed with a hearing and appeal have met with almost no response, said Guenzel.

"I have been reaching out to the Baltimore attorney to try to obtain photographs of the signs in the citation, but I have not heard back," he told Roswell in August.

Guenzel told *Defend Life* that he has been "kicking around" a possible move to pressure the city to act on the case.

"It would be great if we got four or five people together to hold the same signs that Roswell was not allowed to stand on the sidewalk—in the *same* places where he had placed them on the sidewalk!

"We could take photos and document that, and show that the charges against him are all nonsense."

Such a tactic could help "gin up awareness of the situation and support from the public," for the pro-lifers' dilemma, the attorney suggested.

Holds sign in wheelchair

In the meantime, pro-lifers have continued to try to save babies from abortion, but with the threat of additional fines and possible sign confiscation, they have stopped using any standing sidewalk signs.

Instead, Roswell often carries a cumbersome “sandwich sign” strapped to his shoulders, making it hard to hand out flyers to abortion-minded women.

Michelle Bennett, who attends Mass at the nearby Basilica of the Assumption, was riding past the abortion center in a “wheelchair mobility” bus, when she saw Roswell facing four pro-choice escorts all by himself.

“That man needs help!” thought Bennett.

The following Wednesday, she came to the abortion clinic and, seated in a wheelchair, held the sandwich sign for two hours.

Michelle came again and held the sign on September 18.

“This frees me up from holding the sign, so I can more easily talk to

women and offer them flyers,” said a grateful Roswell.

“Deathscort” hits Roswell

The escorts (the pro-lifers call them “deathscorts”) had stopped coming to the clinic in March, when Governor Larry Hogan issued COVID-19 restrictions.

But when Hogan relaxed the restrictions on September 3, the escorts returned from their six-month hiatus with a vengeance.

They blocked pro-lifers’ efforts to talk to women or offer them flyers, even taking flyers out of their hands and telling them, “Oh, you don’t need that!”

“These people are bullies,” said Roswell. “They have no conscience; even if a woman is crying, they push her through the door, to keep her away from us!”

On the morning of September 17, when Roswell tried to talk to two women going into the building, a hefty escort with green-dyed hair

“jumped in front of me, spread out her arms and hit into me hard with her arms and body!”

“That’s the first time a woman ever hit me!” he exclaimed ruefully.

The escorts, who come on Thursdays and Fridays, make it much harder to connect with abortion-minded women to offer them help, said Roswell.

When they’re not there, however, pro-lifers meet with much more positive results, he noted.

One “save,” one “not sure”

On September 14 (a Monday), without any escorts present, things went especially smoothly.

Pro-lifer Dick Schaefer was able to talk to two abortion-minded women before they went into the building and offer them help.

At the end of the morning, one of them came out and told Schaefer she had changed her mind, and would not have an abortion.

When the second woman came out, she told him that she was still not sure. But she hadn’t made an appointment for an abortion, and she said she would call a crisis pregnancy center and see what help they could give.

“A lot of times, we’ll give them ‘Blessing Bags’ [small bags with gifts of snacks, toiletries, and a pro-life message], and they’ll stop and talk—that doesn’t happen when the escorts are here,” said Roswell.

The pro-lifers also try to maintain friendly relations with passers-by, believing that part of their work is to explain to those in the neighborhood the evil of abortion, and what Planned Parenthood is doing.

“At least seventy-five percent of the people who go by are pro-life,”



Michelle Bennett holds a large “sandwich sign” while seated in a wheelchair, freeing John Roswell to hand out pro-life information to women going into Planned Parenthood for abortions.

Pro-aborts push do-it-yourself abortions, pro-lifers fight back:

Pro-abortion and anti-abortion forces are waging a major battle over “do-it-yourself abortions” done at home with no in-person doctor’s visit.

These so-called “telemedicine abortions” utilize medical abortions—the killing of the unborn child with pills, rather than surgically—along with supervision of the abortion process by an abortion provider via videoconference or phone.

Medical abortion, sometimes called chemical abortion, is a two-step process.

First, the pregnant woman takes the drug mifepristone (Mifeprex) orally.

Mifeprex kills the developing baby by blocking the pregnancy hormone progesterone. The uterine lining degenerates from lack of progesterone, causing the unborn child to die from lack of oxygen and other essential nutrients.

Twenty-four to 48 hours later, the woman takes four 200-milligram tablets of misoprostol at home.

The misoprostal causes uterine cramping and contractions, inducing labor and heavy bleeding to expel the baby from her body.

TelAbortions in Md.

Chemical abortion was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000.

Since then, the number of chemical abortions has ballooned from 5% of all abortions in 2001 to 39% in 2017, according the Guttmacher Institute (formerly the research branch of Planned Parenthood).

There were approximately 71,000 chemical abortions in 2001;



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Telemedicine abortions, being conducted in Maryland and 12 other states, allow women to obtain abortions via videoconference or phone.

by 2017, there were 340,000

The FDA permitted chemical abortions during the first 10 weeks of gestation, but with a safety protocol.

The protocol, called REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) requires that the first pill, Mifeprex, must be dispensed by a health care provider in a clinic, medical office, or hospital.

The visit included an ultrasound exam to accurately date the gestation of the baby.

Since 2016, however, the pro-abortion organization, Gynuity, has been legally bypassing the FDA’s REMS requirements through a “research study,” providing telemedicine abortions to women without an in-person visit to receive Mifeprex.

Gynuity is currently conducting the study, called TelAbortion, in Maryland and 12 other states: Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Oregon

and Washington.

Gynuity’s TelAbortion project in Maryland is administered by Carafem from their office in Chevy Chase.

“Abortion. Yeah, we do that,” Carafem declares, in large print on its homepage.

“Grueling, nasty toll”

Abortion advocates laud the TelAbortion project.

“This study has shown telemedicine abortion is safe and effective,” writes Professor Carrie Baker.

“So instead of restricting access to abortion, we should be expanding access to telemedicine abortion (“Telemedicine Abortion: What It Is and Why We Need It Now More Than Ever,” *Ms. Magazine*, March 26, 2020).

But pro-lifers, such as March for Life President Jeanne Mancini, beg to differ.

Maryland is one of 13 states allowing telemedicine abortions

“Chemical abortion is grueling and takes a nasty toll on a woman’s body, in addition to ending the life of her unborn child,” says Mancini (“Beware the dangerous push to expand telemedicine abortions,” *Washington Times*, June 8, 2020).

The FDA’s description of the side effects of using Mifeprex is not pretty.

“Cramping and vaginal bleeding are expected effects of the treatment regimen,” they caution. “In some cases very heavy vaginal bleeding will need to be stopped by a surgical procedure.

“Other common side effects include nausea, weakness, fever/chills, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, and dizziness in the first day or two after taking the two medicines (www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/questions-and-answers-mifeprex).

“Chemical abortion is arguably much harder on women’s health than surgical abortion,” declares Mancini.

Safe and effective?

Abortion advocates tout the safety and effectiveness of both medical abortion in general and telemedicine abortions in particular.

Medical abortion is “very safe,” TelAbortion states on its website: “Serious risks, such as heavy bleeding and infection are rare.”

The FDA has reported, however, that at least 24 women have died as a direct result of chemical abortion in the U.S. between 2000 and 2018, and there have been thousands of adverse event reports submitted to the FDA, including hospitalizations and blood transfusions.

Pro-lifers Lila Rose and Dr. Kathi Aultman (a Board-certified OB/GYN) assert that, “Given the quality and nature of the adverse events reported to the FDA since 2000, it is unconscionable that the FDA has not pulled Mifeprex off the market” (“Abortion Pills Are So Dangerous to Women, The FDA Should Yank Them from the Market,” *The Federalist*, August 18, 2020).

Prescribing the medical abortion regimen entirely by telemedicine poses additional risks to women, they warn.

“First, life-threatening ectopic pregnancies will surely be missed.

“Second, there will be no way to confirm a woman’s pregnancy dates unless a pelvic ultrasound is ordered, which defeats the purpose of allowing these drugs to be prescribed by telemedicine in the first place.”

Women are often wrong about their dates, and without the requirement for an in-person exam or an ultrasound, women may undergo a medical abortion beyond 10 weeks, with disastrous results, they add.

Does TelAbortion require the woman to have an ultrasound?

In its website’s FAQs section, TelAbortion states that during the video evaluation, the “provider” will “help you find medical facilities near you where you can get the pre-abortion tests, which *may* include an ultrasound or pelvic exam and possibly blood tests [emphasis added].

“If getting these tests pose a significant difficulty for you, please call the TelAbortion coordinator to discuss your options.”

No visit needed, says judge

In May, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other pro-abortion groups sued the FDA and the Health and Human Services Department for the removal of the REMS protocol requiring an in-person visit to a clinic, hospital or medical office to obtain the



The stand-off between pro-abortionists and pro-lifers over do-it-yourself abortions involves the safety of the drug Mifeprex.

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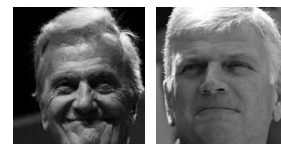
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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

What a great day Saturday, September 26 was. As part of **The Return** to God, approximately **70,000** Evangelicals plus numerous Catholics gathered on the Mall in Washington to hear Rabbi, Jonathan Cahn, a Messianic Jew, and other prominent Americans such as **Franklin Graham, James Dobson, Pat Boone, Tony Perkins** and our own **Terry Beatley** call for a return of our beloved country to **Almighty God**. I so relished walking through the crowd wearing my **PRO-LIFE** T-shirt and greeting dozens of smiling **Godly** persons who had come from all over America and beyond. It reminded me of the annual January **March for Life** but the fall weather was much more



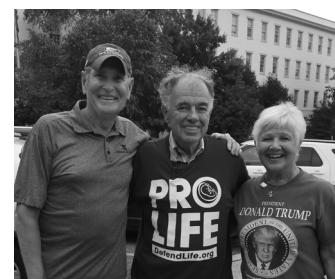
Graham Boone

conducive. You can still watch this entire event by visiting www.TheReturn.org. Similar events are now being planned for the entire continent of Africa and for Israel.

At 5 pm, there was a **Students for Life** rally in front of the Supreme Court heralding the nomination of Judge Amy Barrett by President Trump. That appointment could easily lead to the overturn of **ROE** when the right case comes before the Supreme Court.

At that same hour at the Capital South Metro Station, I was privileged to meet **Jim Ryun**, 3 time Olympic runner, the first high schooler to break the 4-minute mile, a 10-year Congressman from Kansas, a July 2020 Medal of Freedom recipient awarded by President Trump, and best of all a staunch PRO-LIFER.

I explained to Jim how **DEFEND LIFE** is different from most PRO-LIFE groups. I invited Jim Ryun to come speak for us in the near future and he said he would gladly do so. *Incidentally, our conversation would never have happened had I not been wearing my PRO-LIFE T-shirt! Are YOU wearing YOURS? See how to get one FREE on page 16.*



But getting back to what we pray could be the imminent overturning of **ROE**, let us remember that when that does happen, the abortion issue will simply go back to the 50 states to decide whether abortion will be made illegal in that state. Pray God that most of the Southern and Mid-Western States will have the moral gumption to make **abortion illegal**. But that will mean States like Maryland where I have lived 43 years, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, California, Oregon, Washington State and most of the New England states will remain **Havens for Abortion**.

But there is more than one way **to skin a cat**. Several of my ingenious PRO-LIFE lawyer friends have come up with an extremely clever way to make life much more **Financially Unbearable** for **Abortion Providers**. Our hope is to kick off this project in the **Baltimore** area soon. But to make this happen, we will need some office space.



If you have or know someone who has office space in the area that they could donate or rent at a greatly reduced price, please call **410-592-2496 immediately** or myself at 410-337-3721 for more details. I am extremely confident this plan will work and could work equally well in other states where Abortion may sadly remain legal for the near future.

Frank Galeone, R.I.P.

Frank Galeone, a devoted **PRO-LIFE** Catholic, went to his Eternal Reward on August 25. Frank was the father of **5** and a daily Communicant. He always took his children to daily Mass beginning the day after they had received their **First Holy Communion**. He had a very successful **50-year-old** photography business specializing in doing events and year books for schools, Catholic, public, and private. Frank would often give employees gas money to go to the nearby Adoration Chapel at Immaculate Conception with a list of prayer intentions. Some of these employees were Catholic and others were **yet to become Catholic**.



Shortly after I moved from Richmond to Baltimore in 1977, I met Father Victor Galeone at a Catholics United for the Faith meeting at the home of Julia Grimes. He was the very first priest I met in Baltimore and perhaps the Holiest priest I have ever known. He went on to become the Bishop of Saint Augustine, Florida and is now retired and living at **Little Sisters of the Poor** in nearby Catonsville, Maryland.

Shortly after meeting Father Galeone, I began receiving calls from Elaine Galeone, Frank's wife. Ultimately, I got to know both Elaine and Frank, Father Galeone's older brother

Besides being donors to **DEFEND LIFE**, the thing I remember best about Frank and Elaine were the **3** or so annual Married Couples Retreats they sponsored each year. They always arranged for outstanding priests to lead these retreats. I especially remember the one my wife Mary Lou and I attended at beautiful (sadly, now closed) Priestfield Retreat Center in Charles Town, West Virginia. It was led by Monsignor Jeremiah Kenney, a great preacher, author, and great devotee of the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen.

Monsignor Rick Hilgartner, pastor of Saint Joseph's Cockeysville, told several poignant stories about Frank at his Funeral Mass. He related that whenever Frank received Holy Communion, he would kiss the Consecrated Host and say **Jesus, I love you** before consuming The Host.

The second story he told was this. On Friday July 31, Elaine and Frank attended an evening Mass at Saint Joseph's. Elaine explained to Frank, who no longer was driving, that that Mass would have to suffice for their usual Saturday morning Mass because she wanted to work in their garden that morning. Undaunted, Frank stood outside their home on heavily traveled Timonium Road and began hitchhiking to Saint Joseph's. Soon, Elaine got the message, picked him up wearing her garden clothes, and dropped him off at Mass. She most likely told him he was on his own to get home. My dear friend Sandy Korzick, who was at that Mass, was tagged by

Well Done, Frank, Good and Faithful Servant!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

Rescues, arrests, parish priest, chaplain: Bishop's pro-life story

On January 23, 1973, Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun handed down the *Roe v. Wade* decision, making abortion legal in all 50 states.

"I was 12 years old," Bishop Joseph Coffey recalled at his Defend Life talk at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington, Md., September 17.

"That day at dinner, my father explained to us nine kids (I'm number 5!) what had happened, and how bad it was for our country.

"I became a pro-lifer, right then and there! Even at 12 years old, you can decide to fight injustice," he explained.

Joseph's dad, Dr. Bill Coffey, became a founding member of Physicians for Life. His mom, Roseanita Coffey, became so involved in the pro-life movement, Pope Paul VI awarded her a medal.

From his Catholic high school in Pennsylvania, young Coffey joined his classmates traveling by bus for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

After graduating from La Salle University in 1982, he worked as a grade school teacher and in various jobs in Europe.

But in September, 1988, while selling cars in Germany, said Coffey, "My life changed forever when I read that 500 people had been arrested at an abortion center in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. My own mother was one who got arrested!"

Coffey resigned his job immediately, came back to the U.S., and in October 1988, took part in his first Operation Rescue, joining other pro-lifers in a peaceful sit-down, blocking abortions at a Delaware abortion center.



Bishop Joseph Coffey has a long history of pro-life activism.

"The Delaware State Police ordered us, 'Move! Right now!' Our spokesman explained that we wouldn't be leaving. I was terrified!

"We sang and prayed, and then they dragged us across the driveway on the asphalt. It was actually kind of painful!"

Over the next two years, Coffey was arrested about a dozen times at rescues in Philadelphia, New York, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Atlanta.

When he was 30, Coffey realized he had a calling to become a priest, and entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

He was ordained in 1996 and served as a parish priest for five years.

"I loved being a parish priest," he recalled. "But I heard about the great need for Catholic chaplains in the military."

He was given permission by Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua for full-time active duty as a Navy chaplain in 2001.

Coffey has served as chaplain at various posts with the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, including

a six-month deployment with the Marines at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan.

Although he had to stop rescuing when he entered the seminary, Coffey continued to pray with pro-lifers outside abortion centers as a seminarian, priest and chaplain.

On March 25, 2019, he was ordained as an auxiliary bishop for the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services.

As a bishop, Coffey has continued to take part in pro-life activities.

On April 29 he joined Defend Life's rally near the Maryland State House, defying Governor Larry Hogan's COVID-19 stay-at-home order, and calling on the governor to shut down the state's abortion clinics. Coffey led the approximately fifty protesters in prayers to end abortion.

"Pro-lifers have told me that I inspire them when I pray with them at Planned Parenthood," the bishop told his Defend Life audience; "but I told them that *they* inspire me!

"We will never stop fighting until *Roe v. Wade* is reversed," he declared—"and that's just the beginning, because the abortion issue will then go back to the states."

Pro-lifers must continue the battle until they get a Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion.

Even then, he said, "We will never stop fighting until, in the words of Father Frank Pavone, 'abortion is not only illegal, but *un-thinkable*.'"

If you're already in the fight, stay in it, urged Coffey; "but if you're on the sidelines, jump on in!"

**Our Hearts are Restless O Lord,
Until They Rest in Thee. – St. Augustine**

In My Humble Opinion

Election will decide fate of Western civilization, millions of babies

By Janet Baker

(Disclaimer – The political views expressed herein are those of the author.)

Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died on Friday, September 18. Her passing was by no means unexpected.

We must remember to pray that God has mercy on her soul, for she, objectively speaking, cooperated formally and materially with the mortal sins of baby-murder, sexual perversions, mockery of marriage, etc.

With her passing comes an opportunity for a pro-life person to be nominated to take Ginsburg's seat. In this situation we have another illustration of why elections matter.

So far, President Trump has kept his pro-life promises to the best of his ability, given the now-hostile climate in the House of Representatives.

He has nominated decent Supreme Court Justices: Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Priests for Life published a list of Trump's pro-life accomplishments; that list can be found here: www.priestsforlife.org/elections/trump-prolife-accomplishments.aspx.

Can we imagine the rabid pro-aborts that Hillary Clinton would have nominated, had she won in 2016, as well as all the other baby-killing havoc that she would have wreaked upon us?

Yet even now, there are still some who call themselves "traditional Catholics" who are announcing—perhaps "virtue-signaling" would be the more appropriate verb—that they will write in some

obscure person or not vote at all in November 2020.

They have more disparaging things to say about Trump (who actually has made some solid pro-life accomplishments) than they do for the Dems, who are unabashedly pro-abortion.

I can only characterize their attitudes towards Trump to be so overly persnickety and finicky as to border on effeminacy.

They are more concerned about

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satisfying the unreasonable demands of their emotions (what they call conscience) as opposed to an actual rigorous examination of the matter in the light of Tradition.

I have taken stabs at looking at the matter utilizing the Principle of Double Effect. Rather than reinvent the wheel in this short amount of space, I will refer you to a blog post of mine on the matter: <https://restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com/2016/03/immorality-of-boycotting-election-day.html>. This post in turn links to others.

The stakes are high in this presidential election. That is why progressives are all behind the covid-related shutdowns and the "Black Lives Matter" riots that are occur-

ring, largely in Democrat-controlled cities.

They are doing their utmost to ascribe responsibility for this unrest (largely instigated by them) on Trump to both paint him in a bad light and to facilitate voter fraud.

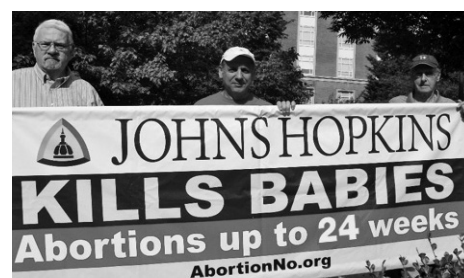
Every one of our votes will count; it's either Trump or Biden.

Please do not cast a vote for some "third party" person, for that will reduce the number of votes that Biden will need to win.

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Schaefer estimated: “They don’t approve what’s going on.”

On that same Monday, Schaefer and Roswell talked to three male passersby.

“One man was deeply concerned because the mother of his child would not let him see her; he told us he had gotten a court date for a hearing,” said Roswell.

“He also said his sister was five months pregnant, and asked us to pray for her.”

A second man told the pro-lifers that he was very excited, because he had gotten joint custody for his child.

A third man was pushing a toddler in a stroller while his wife was inside Planned Parenthood to have an abortion. He had tried earlier to persuade her not to abort their child without success.

“After he finished talking to Dick, he went inside the building to try again to talk her out of it,” said Roswell.



Dick Schaefer offers a blind man passing by Planned Parenthood a welcome helping hand.

“He got in the foyer, but Tony, the maintenance man, wouldn’t let him go any further—wouldn’t let him in to see his wife!”

But talking to these men was a good experience for the two pro-lifers, said Roswell.

“Normally, we see men who are indifferent, or are pressuring their girlfriends to have abortions.

“But this morning, we had three men who were very concerned about their children.”

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drug mifepristone.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed the suit on their behalf.

On July 13, Judge Theodore Chuang, U.S. District Court judge for the District of Maryland, ruled that women seeking a medical abortion do not need an in-person visit.

“In-Person requirements, combined with the Covid 19 pandemic, place a substantial obstacle in the path of women seeking a medication abortion,” the Obama-appointed judge wrote in his opinion.

The Trump Administration promptly pushed back.

On August 26 the Justice Department petitioned the Supreme Court to restore FDA’s in-person visit requirement.

In its petition, the Justice Department argues:

“The circumstances here—in which a single district court, presented with a suit by a single physician and a handful of organizations, displaced the FDA’s scientific judgment with respect to every medication provider in the country—illustrate the problems with allowing district courts to award relief unteethered to the established injuries of the specific plaintiffs before them.”

The administration asked that

the ban remain in place while the case proceeds.

Pro-life leaders are backing the administration.

“During this time of crisis for our nation, pregnant women deserve protection from these dangerous drugs,” Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser told Church Militant.

“These proven safeguards are reasonable and necessary and put the safety of women and young girls over the profits of the abortion industry.”

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Book Review

Left's goal: End Christian America to make way for "utopia"

By Diane Levero

Saul Alinsky, author of the Marxist handbook, *Rules for Radicals*, used to ask his new followers why they wanted to become community organizers.

They would respond with idealistic claims that they wanted to help the poor and oppressed.

"No!" Alinsky screamed back at them like a Marine Corps drill instructor: "No! You want to organize for power!"

As David Horowitz explains, "The issue is *never* the issue"—the ostensible issue is merely a means to power, to further the Marxist revolution.

Horowitz ought to know. Born and raised in Queens, New York, by parents who were Communist party activists, the self-described "red diaper baby" became a diehard Communist advocate himself and a prolific writer and editor for the cause.

But after the murder of a good friend by the Marxist Black Panthers Party, and the Communist victory in Indo-China, which led to the slaughter of millions of Asians, he converted to conservatism.

In *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America*, Horowitz, who is Jewish, explains how the powerful New Atheism movement—the latest embodiment of the Communist agenda—is working to destroy not only Christianity, but America itself.

America was founded on the principles of the equality of individuals and individual freedom, principles that are indisputably Christian

in origin, maintains Horowitz, who says that he is an agnostic.

Horowitz asserts that the atheistic creed of his parents and other self-described "progressives" is itself a form of religious faith.

"[M]y parents and their leftist friends believed in a redemption, but they thought of *themselves* as the re-

stacles to their Communist utopia.

The New Atheists, such as Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and comedian Bill Maher, look with contempt on Christian believers, stigmatizing them as "dangerous morons" whose views cannot be taken seriously by intelligent people, says Horowitz.

"Those who believe they are changing the world, or saving the planet, or transforming the human race, are intoxicated with self-aggrandizing pride," he declares.

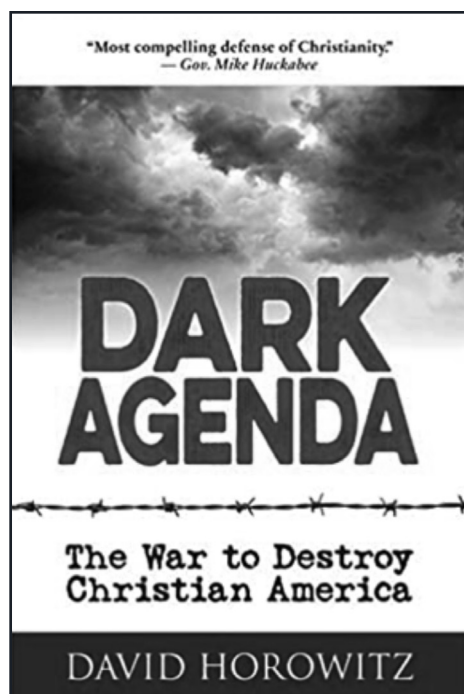
Central to the defeat of Christianity is the suppression of religious freedom in public schools and the banning of religion from the public square, thus turning our First Amendment right to religious freedom on its head, says Horowitz.

Two landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions set the stage for the complete suppression of religious liberty in public schools, he notes.

In the first, *Engel v. Vitale*, in 1962, the plaintiffs—represented by the American Civil Liberties Union—argued that a specific voluntary prayer violated the Constitution's Establishment Clause. The Court agreed by a six-to-one majority.

One year later, the same court, in *Murray v. Curlett*, voted eight to one in favor of Baltimore atheist Madalyn Murray (also backed by the ACLU), who contended that it was unconstitutional for the public schools to require her son to participate in Bible readings.

Suddenly, says Horowitz, "all prayer, all Bible reading, all reference to God was strictly forbidden



deemers, not God," he explains.

When Soviet Communism collapsed in 1991, progressives changed the name of their goal.

"Today they no longer call their earthly redemption 'Communism.' They call it 'social justice,' he says.

The social justice causes that they ostensibly champion—the environmental crisis, women's oppression, homophobia, racism—all have one actual goal: to eliminate the Christian culture and with it Christian America, thus destroying all ob-

in public schools.”

The fallout from these rulings has been appalling.

The author cites, for example, a 5-year-old girl in a Florida elementary school who bowed her head in the school cafeteria before eating lunch.

Moments later, a lunchroom monitor told her that it was wrong to pray in school, and she must never do that again.

In California, a first grader, assigned to do a “show and tell” presentation about family traditions, held up a star of Bethlehem from her family Christmas tree, told the class about the birth of Jesus, and began to recite a Bible verse.

“Take your seat,” her teacher ordered, leaving the child hurt and humiliated, fearful that she would be punished.

Horowitz details how the absolute power of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution has been a mighty weapon for the radical left, who employed it with a vengeance in the ensuing years, destroying almost two centuries of American values and tradition.

In 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Court struck down a state law prohibiting contraception. The plaintiff was the executive director of Planned Parenthood.

The Court stated that the right to contraception was guaranteed by a

non-existent Constitutional “right to privacy,” supposedly found in “penumbras” and “emanations” of other rights in the Constitution.

Griswold provided the rationale for a series of Supreme Court decisions proclaiming new rights: the right to abortion in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973; the right to homosexual relations in 2002, and the right to same-sex “marriage” in 2015.

Horowitz relates how, in a manner frighteningly reminiscent of the Ministry of Truth in George Orwell’s *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, the \$621 million U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C., deliberately edits out all references to God and faith in its photos and historical displays.

An enlarged image of the Constitution, for example, was photo-shopped to remove the words “in the year of our Lord” above the signatures of the signers.

Horowitz’s coverage of the Gay Rights movement, related in gruesome detail, is eye-opening.

“By promoting sexual promiscuity as a revolutionary act, by disregarding proven social restraints, and by viciously attacking all critics, gay activists led their own community into one of the worst human disasters in American history,” he charges.

Pro-life readers who are Catholic should keep in mind that *Dark Agenda* is written by an avowed agnostic

who believes that “America is the logical, if not inevitable, development of the Protestant Reformation.”

He also thinks that the Enlightenment is the best thing since sliced bread.

When he describes the notorious demonstration by thousands of gay-rights protesters at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York in 1989, he tells how “one activist crushed a wafer *symbolizing* the body of Christ” (emphasis added).

But he gives Catholics a fair shake in several instances.

“[W]ithin months of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, the Catholic Church founded the “right-to-life” movement,” he states.

And he pens a refreshingly just assessment of the often maligned Crusades.

“By the time the Crusades were initiated by Pope Urban II in the early eleventh century, roughly half of all Christian lands were occupied by Muslim conquerors,” he observes; the Crusaders “were not fighting a war of aggression . . . but a defensive war against Islamic conquest.”

Dark Agenda is a thought-provoking and sobering presentation of the underlying causes of the crisis threatening to destroy Christianity and America.

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