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Whistleblower exposes horrifying injuries in 2 Md. abortions

WAKE UP aims class action suit at Pfizer abortion-inducing drug

In late May, Missy Reilly Smith got a brief, rather cryptic email asking the pro-life activist simply, “May I talk to you about abortion?”

“Of course!” Missy replied.

The founder and president of WAKE UP (Women Against the Killing & Exploitation of Unprotected Persons) knew that the emailer had found her through her website, wakeup.mom.

Missy, who had had two abortions herself that she deeply regretted, was always willing to talk to anyone about abortion.

In their ensuing conversation, the caller gave the pro-lifer a shocking eyewitness account of gruesome injuries suffered by two women within nine days of each other in May—both after abortions at the facility owned and operated by notorious late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart in Bethesda, Md.

The first woman, on May 12, had undergone a dilation and evacuation surgical abortion at 25 weeks gestation.

After a 911 call, an ambulance transported her to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, where she was found to be in critical condition.

The woman, bleeding heavily from a ruptured uterus and other in-



Missy Smith is waging war on an abortion drug after near-fatal abortion injuries to two women.

ternal injuries, in shock and nearly unconscious, was rushed into the operating room for emergency surgery, the eyewitness reported.

“It was the most horrifying thing I have ever seen!” she exclaimed.

The woman had lost a large amount of blood due to a “huge” tear in her uterus. She received transfusions of multiple units of blood.

Parts of her baby had been left inside her, shoved through the uterine tear and high into her abdominal cavity—including a severed leg.

Tissue in her bowel had been so badly mangled that the surgeon had to give her a colostomy, redirecting her large intestine to an external bag.

After surgery, she spent two days in the Intensive Care Unit, then transferred to a standard room. She was discharged from the hospital on May 21—nine days after her near-fatal injuries.

On that same day, an ambulance was once again called to Carhart’s abortion facility for a second patient, also suffering from a perforated uterus after a dilation and evacuation abortion at 25 weeks gestation.

This second patient was in even worse condition than the first, said the eyewitness “whistleblower.”

The woman needed four pints of blood “just to keep her alive,” she said.

The hemorrhaging was so severe, she had to have a hysterectomy.

The woman’s uterus had a 9-inch hole, through which the body of her baby had been shoved into her abdominal cavity. The baby was missing an arm and part of its spinal column. The baby’s head was still

attached, but only by a strip of flesh.

Upset and shaken

Missy, deeply upset and shaken by the whistleblower's accounts, put her in touch with Cheryl Sullenger, an investigator with Operation Rescue.

Sullenger interviewed the eyewitness and posted a report on the pro-life website on June 18 (operationrescue.org/archives/whistleblower-2-women-suffered-gruesome-injuries-retained-baby-parts-emergency-surgery-after-late-term-abortions-in-maryland).

The story was picked up by Lila Rose of Live Action, which posted a video of the story, "Hospital Staff Traumatized by Abortion Injuries" on youtube ([youtube.com/watch?v=elc3P47kX8k&feature=emblogo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elc3P47kX8k&feature=emblogo)).

In the meantime, Missy contacted the two victims.

Both women had come to Carhart's abortion facility from out of state, probably because their babies were entering their third trimester and most states limit third-trimester abortions. Maryland is one of eight states that have no gestational limits on abortions.

"I wrote a letter to both women, telling them they deserved to be compensated for their injuries," said Smith.

She eventually spoke to the woman injured on May 12 and the husband of the woman injured on May 21, explaining that she had contacted a Rockville, Md. attorney, Robert Michael, who would represent the women in medical malpractice lawsuits.

The woman injured on May 21 and her husband filed a claim on



Baltimore City Fire Department medics wheel a gurney into Baltimore's Planned Parenthood to transport a woman suffering a hemorrhage after an abortion in December 2019.

December 10 with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office in Baltimore, Md., against Carhart, his clinic, Abortionclinics.org, Inc., and Anh-Chi Dang Do, M.D.

It is not apparent who actually performed the two abortions. Carhart has employed several abortionists at his facility. The whistleblower said that no abortionist was on record at the clinic as committing the abortions.

A lawsuit filed by the woman injured on May 21 is pending and "will come shortly," said Smith.

Violent uterine rupture

The whistleblower had been greatly distressed to see the unborn

babies' bodies thrust so violently into their mothers' abdominal cavities. She wondered about the source of the force that generated such violence.

So did Missy Smith.

Many abortions—both medical and surgical—employ a drug called misoprostal.

Misoprostal was invented and marketed, under the trade name Cytotec, by G.D. Searle & Company (now Pfizer), originally for the prevention of NSAID-induced gastric ulcers.

But it is commonly used "off-label" to induce abortions by causing uterine contractions to expel the

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COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)—the rest of the story

By Professor Marco Colombini

Paul Harvey Aurandt is well-known for his “Rest of the Story” radio segments that aired from 1952 to 2008.

The insights that he gave filled in the missing parts of stories in a way that gave a fuller and more satisfying understanding.

Being a scientist (though not having the talent and flare that Paul Harvey displayed), my goal is to give you insights on COVID-19 that are largely ignored by the news/propaganda of the media.

I hope the facts will prove interesting and be helpful as you ride out the rest of this pandemic.

Everyone knows the mantra: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, wash hands. It’s repeated so often that it must be true—right?

Often preceded by the statement, “Stay safe,” the mantra indicates that if you follow it, you’ll be safe.

Thus, the recent large increases in cases in November/December both here and in Europe are, by implication, due to people not following the mantra.

Not so. The first shocker: masks don’t have much effect. Read article #1, below, and note the large number of cited publications in scientific journals (not web article).

Sure, scientists can be wrong too but are far more reliable than a web article featuring someone’s opinion, often misinformed, sometimes totally made up or a deliberate lie by a politician or his minions. The article’s title says no effect, but there is a small effect. One might say masks are better than nothing, and yet they do give the wearer a

false sense of security, resulting in more risky behavior.

Aren’t we safe 6 feet apart? Those droplets from talking will fall to the ground quickly. That conclusion is based on experiments using machines that generate small droplets, hopefully mimicking what happens in real life.



Dr. Anthony Fauci promoted research aimed at producing more virulent respiratory viruses, such as the research done at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Especially in fall/winter’s dry air, however, those droplets, already very small unless one is coughing, will dry quickly into particles too small to fall.

They remain in the air indefinitely and can travel for miles. Many are so small as to permeate right through professionally tight-fitted N95 masks. The masks most people wear have plenty of holes for the breath to bypass the mask, even if the mask itself were able to block the viruses, and most do not.

Outdoors the particles become diluted and not enough are inhaled to cause illness. Many are needed to cause illness because, for in-

stance, the mucous in your nose will pick up these particles, keeping them from getting to the lungs.

Indoors these can reach high enough concentrations if infectious persons are or were in the room. If the store has a filtration system (a HEPA filtered system) or the air is frequently exchanged with outside air, then released viruses will be removed.

How dangerous is it to go to stores? People with symptoms almost never go to stores, but evidence indicates that a person can be infectious a week before having symptoms. So, there is a risk even if no one seems to be sick. This is especially true in the cold season, when respiratory viruses spread with much greater ease.

An additional concern was the presence of those who are infected but show no symptoms. Fortunately, a large study was just published in a very respected scientific journal, *Nature Communications*, that showed *no transfer* of infection from those who show no symptoms to others that have had close contact with them (readings #2).

That is really good news because over 82 independent studies have shown that there are 10 to 50 times more people who become infected and have mild or no symptoms as compared to the reported COVID-19 cases.

The people with few or no symptoms were detected by finding antibodies against COVID-19 in their blood. All indications are that once one contracts COVID-19 and recovers, one is immune for at least 3 months, but probably a year or more.

Considering that the number of

confirmed cases has passed the 15 million mark, including those who have mild or no symptoms, means that half the U.S. population is probably immune.

The recent dramatic rise in cases is due to the other half of the population, those who have been sheltering and thus not exposed to infection. The country is moving toward “herd immunity,” signaling the end of the pandemic.

Hand washing is a good idea, but contaminated hands would need to transfer the virus into the eyes, nose or mouth for infection to be transferred.

Even then, the virus has no legs and would need somehow to move to cells that have the viral receptor. This is not an easy route of infection. It’s much more effective if the virus particle is inhaled right to where it can bind to the right cells (like those lining the lung).

Also, very good experiments show that surfaces become unable to transmit infectious viruses in a day or two, so leaving suspect pack-

ages, mail, masks, gloves, clothes untouched for a couple of days renders them safe.

Where did the virus originate? I’m a scientist and can tell you that many scientists have no problem doing dangerous work in their quest to know more or even to simply become famous.

Those are the reasons that great effort was exerted to find and reconstitute the virus that produced the

thus carry novel viruses into the community.

Gain of function research into bat respiratory viruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology was funded by NIH. Did this research produce COVID-19? A group of scientists wrote a manuscript for publication (readings #4) that provides strong evidence that COVID 19 was engineered, but that manuscript was not allowed to be published—probably for political reasons.

Was the virus released on purpose or accidentally? Regardless, some things are too dangerous to play with and suppressing information on the origin to protect the research community, if that took place, is immoral.

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1918 pandemic that killed millions.

Terrence Tumpey and coworkers were successful in regenerating that virus (readings #3) and showing that it is extremely lethal. With that success, a new potent bioweapon exists.

With regard to COVID-19, years ago the NIH (National Institutes of Health), which funds most medical-related research, funded research aimed at producing more virulent respiratory viruses (gain of function research) with the aim of understanding what makes these viruses virulent.

This research was promoted by Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, one of 27 institutes and centers that make up NIH.

Of course, the expectation was that extreme measures would be taken to prevent the virus from escaping containment. However, workers can become infected and

Further Reading:

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New next-door ‘neighbor’ offers pregnant women a *real* choice

By Bob Brown

The phone rang at the front desk. A young woman was calling from inside Planned Parenthood, saying that she had had a change of heart. Could someone help?

“We’re right next door,” the Options@328 staff member told her.

The young woman, and a friend who was with her, exited the Planned Parenthood abortion center at 330 North Howard Street in Baltimore, turned right, and walked about fifteen steps south to the front door of Options@328, the fourth and newest location of the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns (GBCPC).

There, a nurse was immediately able to provide the young woman with pregnancy verification and an ultrasound. The young woman then scheduled a follow-up appointment.

A few pregnancy resource centers are strategically located close to abortion centers, but it’s a rarity for two organizations that treat children in such diametrically opposite ways to share a wall.

On its website, Planned Parenthood’s Baltimore location offers to kill preborn girls and boys through age 14 weeks for \$390, and to refer older children to other abortionists.

Options, on the other hand, with its “extensive referral list of area resources” and commitment never to take a dime for any of its services, is devoted to caring for mother and child in the moment and long-term.

How did this courageous pro-life ministry wind up moving in next door to Maryland’s deadliest human-disassembly line?

In 2017, the building adjoining Planned Parenthood’s Howard



Options@328 offers women help with unplanned pregnancies, including free ultrasounds, says Director Gina Ruppert.

Street location went up for auction. Two anonymous donors purchased it and gave it to GBCPC.

After some initial repairs, followed by three years of fundraising, in March 2020 the main construction at 328 North Howard Street began. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on October 22, with Baltimore Archbishop William Lori in attendance.

The opening came none too soon; the young woman made that call in early January 2021, about a week before I sat down with GBCPC Executive Director Gina Ruppert to interview her at the Options@328 office.

The young woman who walked out of Planned Parenthood isn’t the only positive storyline to emerge from GBCPC’s newest ministry.

Despite pandemic conditions and a marketing campaign that isn’t yet fully up and running, Ruppert said, the ten staff members at Options, including their full-time nurse

manager, have seen many clients.

All of Options’ services are free, but two draw a lot of attention: ultrasounds and abortion-pill reversals.

Options performed 23 ultrasound scans in the last two months of 2020, Ruppert reported, and also assisted in four abortion-pill reversals.

Options@328 is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and it focuses on medical services. Ultrasounds are available all five days, and staff members will come in on weekends if necessary to address calls made to their abortion-pill reversal hotline.

Options sends clients who need material assistance to one of their other three locations: St. Ann Center (two miles from Options), Essex, and Arbutus.

While more and more women in crisis are finding out about Options@328, that section of Baltimore has long been familiar to

many pro-lifers. For years, faithful sidewalk counselors have spent countless hours outside Planned Parenthood in prayer and peaceful intervention.

And typically on days when abortions are carried out, Planned Parenthood's orange-vested "death-scorts" roam the sidewalks as well, steering their victims inside.

Ruppert said that Options' client-advocates do not maintain a sidewalk presence.

GBCPC's positive impact has been felt for a long time throughout greater Baltimore, and is particularly needed in its new location. Planned Parenthood moved into the large corner building in 2004, after having been located about three blocks farther north since 1975.

GBCPC has countered the culture of death for nearly as many years, serving the people of Baltimore since it opened its first office in 1980. It was GBCPC that eventually won a lawsuit against Baltimore City after the city passed an ordinance requiring pregnancy centers to post signage in their waiting



Kate Plaut, Options' full-time nurse manager, shows visitors around the new center.



Options@328, Baltimore's newest pregnancy resource center, shares a wall with the city's Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.

rooms stating that they don't offer or refer for abortions.

Today, Options@328 shines as a beacon of hope on a dreary street where tens of thousands of preborn girls and boys have been legally murdered. Its fresh white paint and mint-green trim stand out from the brown-brick abortion edifice hulking next door.

The front window at Options invites passersby: "Come in or call/text 443-884-9201." Signs announcing free ultrasounds and pill-reversals hang from second floor windows. The contrast couldn't be more stark.

Ruppert has her own interesting history, too. She grew up one of nine children, of which five were adopted internationally. She earned a degree in social work and started her career working with foster-care families before joining Believe Big, a non-profit Christian organization serving cancer patients.

Ruppert was also a Respect Life committee member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glyndon, Md. She became GBCPC's executive

director in January 2020.

Ruppert is married and has six children, ranging in ages from 10 to 22. Her youngest, a daughter, is adopted from Haiti.

Ruppert said that GBCPC needs more monthly donors, especially since the pandemic has forced the cancellation of major fundraising events. She also asked that the pro-life community would regularly check GBCPC's Amazon Wish List registry, as the center's needs change.

Ruppert was most adamant, though, that people pray for GBCPC.

"It was God and prayer that got the building here," she said, "and God and prayer will sustain it."

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Rosary rally at Catholic school draws backlash from parents

Nine Catholics joined together in front of the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, Md., on December 3 to recite the Rosary and hold a large banner.

The banner read, “Transgenderism is an abomination and a scandal to children. Catholic parents: speak out!”

Catholic parents *did* speak out: in fact, four or five of them stood about twenty feet down the sidewalk, voicing their opposition.

The opposition group included the father of the third grade girl who was presenting herself as a boy at the Catholic school.

“We got an email from the school that there would be a demonstration in front of the school,” said Brendan O’Leary, one of the group opposing the Rosary ralliers and their message.

“I’m very displeased that a vocal minority of the school is hav-

ing this demonstration outside the school,” O’Leary, the father of three students at the school, told a *Defend Life* reporter.

“I think it’s disgusting that they’ve placed all this emphasis on one particular child!”

“Against God’s natural law”

Kevin Wells, who does not have children at the school but has relatives who do, led the rosary.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore reportedly accommodated the little girl’s assertion that she is a boy by allowing her to use a boy’s name and have a private bathroom, according to the *National Catholic Register* (“Student’s Gender ‘Transition’ at Archdiocese of Baltimore School Sparks Furor,” Nov. 17, 2020).

In doing so, the Archdiocese “is going against God’s natural law,” said Wells, a former sportswriter

and the author of the book, *The Priests We Need to Save the Church*.

“The Vatican’s Congregation for Catholic Education states that Catholic schools should maintain the Church’s understanding that each human person has a male or female biological identity,” he pointed out.

Gender ideology, by denying the differences in nature between a man and a woman, destroys the basis of the family, he added.

“Don’t be judgmental!”

Many parents at the school were shocked to learn that, in spite of Church teaching on the errors of transgender ideology, the Archdiocese of Baltimore had revised its August 2020 Policy Manual for Catholic Schools in October to include prohibition against harassment and bullying on the basis of “gender identity or expression” (archbalt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/School-Policy-Manual_rev_10-19-20.pdf).

Parents concerned about the school’s and the Archdiocese’s tacit approval of the girl’s transgender change formed the group, Archdiocese of Baltimore – Parents Protecting Catholic Identity, at the end of September.

The group has a private Facebook page with 84 members.

The American Association of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP), a group of lay Catholics actively fighting the Culture War, supplied them with the banner.

“A Catholic school should be presenting Catholic values,” Dr. Patrick Joseph Eguogwu, who repre-



Parents of School of the Incarnation students and others gather for a Rosary rally outside the school. Kevin Wells (second from right) led the Rosary.



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*January 25, 2021 Anno Domini
A Tribute to Joe Scheidler 1927 - 2021*



Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Joe Scheidler had more influence on me than any other person in my adult life. Today he was buried from Saint John Cantius, a beautiful church of Cathedral proportions just Northwest of Chicago's Loop. His mortal remains were buried at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, a near Northwest suburb.



I first heard of Joe in 1973 shortly after *Roe v. Wade*. It was his Illinois Right to Life Hotline, which I started calling daily. He had a different, compelling 3-minute message each weekday. I was captivated by his rapid-fire speaking style. Every message had a sense of urgency.

In 1974, on a return trip from the Mid-West, I stopped to visit him. We went to a Community Center where a female abortionist was speaking. I made the mistake of addressing her as "Doctor" during the Q&A period. Joe later corrected me saying, **Never call an abortionist Doctor**. Joe's office was on the 2nd floor of a modest building in the Loop that was being occupied rent-free by IRTL. Here's how that happened.

Joe had been invited to speak at a small town in Indiana, several hours from Chicago. It was winter and snow had been predicted. The sponsor called him to tell Joe they had decided to cancel. But stalwart Joe said he would come anyway. Only **two** persons showed up that cold snowy night. But one of those two owned an office building in Chicago's Loop. He was so impressed by Joe's talk that he gave IRTL free rent in that building.

Lesson learned — no group is too small — never cancel a talk.

In 1975, I went to the National Right to Life Conference in Chicago. On Saturday, Joe organized an impromptu walking tour of Michigan Avenue with bullhorn in hand. He pointed out an office building with an abortion mill on one of the upper floors and said, **Let's pay them a visit**. So about **20** of us did just that and sat down in the waiting room. When the abortionist figured out what was going on, he was not a happy camper.

Late that afternoon, Joe and I sat together at the closing Mass for that NRTL Conference. When we left, a priest from Joe's home state of Indiana rushed up to us and told Joe that he had just learned that pro-abortion **Senator Birch Bayh** was speaking the next day at Saint Joseph's Catholic College in Rensselaer, Indiana. (Bayh was the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, which had "bottled up" a proposed Human Life Amendment that would have banned abortions.) Joe was furious that a Catholic college, especially one in his home state that had family ties, would be honoring a pro-abort. He tried to call the college president, but when unable to reach him, spoke to the provost. Joe said, **Cancel Bayh or you will be publicly embarrassed!**

The next day, Joe begged Greg Morrow and me to travel with him to Rensselaer, about 2 hours away, to carry out that public embarrassment. We got there just as the academic procession was walking into the field house. We followed it in with a huge bullhorn concealed in a large shopping bag that I had commandeered at the National Right to Life Conference where I had been an exhibitor. Somehow, we got onto the vacant bleachers at the opposite end of the field house from the stage. When Joe began his speech on his bullhorn reprimanding the college for having this pro-abort speak, nearly all those present turned and started booing us. Bayh, to his credit, said, **Let the man speak**. After finishing his brief but powerful speech, we were summoned down from the bleachers by the campus police and told to leave the campus. Before we left, Joe did a walking interview with a

local radio station, stating that he planned to contest his priest uncle's will which had just bequeathed a large sum to the college. Joe also got some jabs into Father Ted Hesburgh, the Notre Dame president, who had gone soft on key issues.

That incident ultimately cost Joe his job at IRTL. Joe was fired as Executive Director by the politically correct board members. But that led to the founding of the **Pro-Life Action League** in 1980, with Joe, his beautiful wife Ann, and a third person as board members.

Lesson learned — always do the right thing no matter what the cost!

In 1985, Joe honored me by asking me to come to Chicago to raise money for the then financially strapped Pro-Life Action League. I was at a crossroads in my engineering career, having lost one job because of my **Pro-Life Activism**. I had a chance to go work for a small manufacturer's rep firm. The business was owned by two strong Catholics. It was a great opportunity, but I decided to take the **road less traveled** and go to work for Joe. Raising funds for Joe gave me the confidence to later come back to Baltimore and found **DEFEND LIFE** with the late **Eileen Bolgiano**.

Lesson learned — when in doubt, always take the road less traveled.

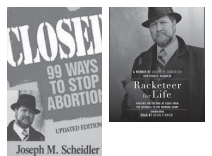
In 1986, Joe Scheidler and three others were sued by the National Organization of Women using RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) to prosecute pro-lifers. What it was really about was this: **Did pro-lifers have the right to stand on public sidewalks trying to dissuade women from having abortions?**

Due to trickery on the part of the liberal court, such as subpoenaing anonymous witnesses that Joe's defense team was not allowed to fairly cross-examine, Joe lost round one at the Supreme Court (SCOTUS). Somehow, Joe's great lawyers, led by the great Tom Brejcha, were able to get a retrial. At some point Joe and Ann had to put their home up as collateral to keep the second trial going. What that means in simple language is that the National Organization of Women owned their home where they were still raising some of their younger seven children. If they had lost to **NOW**, they would have lost their very modest but beloved home in Northwest Chicago. Joe and Ann could have easily bailed out, as one of the three other major defendants decided to do. But they toughed it out and they won that second trial at SCOTUS. But then, when it seemed it was finally over, they found out that it was **not over**. The local court in Chicago, who had initiated the trial refused to ratify the SCOTUS decision that Joe had won. So they had to go back a third time to SCOTUS, which again confirmed that they actually had won. It took **20** years, from **1986** through **2006**, but finally Joe had really won. Which is to say, that **our right to sidewalk counsel in front of abortion mills had been confirmed**.

Lesson learned — always remain steadfast under duress!

Here are some other special memories of my **47-year** friendship with Joe:

- Walking the Notre Dame campus with Joe.
- Reminiscing about his years at Notre Dame and his years growing up in Indiana.
- Begging our way into the State Capital of Richmond to see the busts of Virginia's seven presidents.
- Visiting Ronald Reagan's birthplace in Tampico and his boyhood "Sears & Roebuck" home in Dixon.
- One of Joe's cardinal rules in **Closed: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion** was to have fun. We always had fun!
- Joe spoke on December 12, 2020 at the Red Rose Rescue Conference in Saint Charles, Missouri. I began a standing ovation for what turned out to be Joe's last talk.



P.S. – Be sure to read **Closed: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion & Racketeer for Life**,

Joe's two great books.

P.S.S. – If you would like me to speak about my friendship with Joe, please contact me!

Enclosure

**May God Increase the
Legacy of Joe Scheidler!
Long Live Christ Our King!**

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

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sented TFP at the rally, told *Defend Life*.

“I had three daughters in the school,” said rallier Adam Turner. “They graduated. This was a great school when my kids were here!

“I’m here to pray for the children that are here now,” he added with a smile.

Other ralliers, who had children still in the school, did not want to give their names because of worries about retaliation.

“Is there any way you can *not* use my name?” said one. “Unfortunately, there has been a backlash to the sign. There are people out there who are very mad.”

As the Rosary rally ended, many of the fifteen or twenty parents lined up in cars in front of Incarnation to pick up their children voiced their opposition to the ralliers.

Some had hand-written signs on their car windows with messages such as “Don’t be judgmental!”

Others yelled, “Shame on you!” or wagged their fingers or gave thumbs down.

“Persecution Complex”

Ben Lorenz, the father of the little girl at the center of the controversy, had been vice-principal at School of the Incarnation.

On November 6, however, Lorenz resigned the paid position, saying he had a fundamental disagreement with certain Church teachings.

At the Rosary rally, he declined to speak to the *Defend Life* reporter for publication.

A few hours after the rally, however, he was quite frank on his open Facebook page.

Above a picture he had posted of his smiling third grader (whose

hair was cut in a short, boy’s style), he wrote, “There was a protest of this kid today. Across the street from his school.

“I don’t know how to couch that any more generously. It was disgusting and (thankfully) sparsely populated.

“I intentionally didn’t ask for people to counter protest or demonstrate because these people suffer from an incredible Persecution Complex.

“Anger, vitriol, public shaming, all play into that complex rather than address their ignorance.

“I did, however, go speak with them. I know how to have challeng-

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ing conversations with people . . .”

Lorenz went on to describe in detail some of his talks with the ralliers “to share effective tactics so that you can use them.”

Those from the Rosary rally, in turn, spoke willingly and in a friendly manner with those opposing them.

They tried to clarify to them that they were not there to criticize or single out the little girl or her father, but to uphold Catholic teaching.

Vilified as “haters”

Parents concerned about the school’s allowing the third grader to be treated as a boy have been frustrated by what they describe as the

Archdiocese’s lack of clarity and openness on the matter.

“A number of parents have tried to contact Archbishop Lori about their concerns with the situation, but he has not gotten back to us directly,” said one rallier, who has a third grader at the school.

“Sometimes we are able to reach people that work with him, and they reiterate that they are trying to maintain Catholic teachings at the school. It has been very difficult to get answers in this situation.”

The parent added that she believes that pressure was put on Lorenz to resign as vice-principal, “but he officially said he resigned voluntarily. I don’t know who was the ultimate decision-maker in that resignation.”

Another rallier, who has two older children at Incarnation, commented that Archbishop Lori “is supposed to be a shepherd, yet he has allowed so many of his flock to stray from the Truth by not speaking and teaching Catholic doctrine as it relates to this.

“At the same time, he has allowed those trying to remain faithful to God’s commands and Catholic doctrine to be left alone with the wolves of this world (other parents, teachers, administrators who are unknowledgeable about Church teaching) to fend for themselves, and be vilified as intolerant and ‘haters.’”

As the controversy at the school gained notoriety, *Defend Life* columnist Janet Baker spoke by phone with Assistant Superintendent of Baltimore Catholic Schools Denise Ball on September 29.

(Baker’s call to Ball was recorded, with Ball’s permission, and can be heard at restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com/2020/10/.)

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Md. Right to Life asks pro-lifers for help fighting ‘snakes’

Decades ago, a crusty Maryland legislator, wise in the ways of the Maryland General Assembly, advised a raw, young reporter to watch out for the “snakes.”

Many bills filed at the Assembly have innocuous-sounding titles—but lurking in the deep nest of verbiage in the “snakes” can be some poisonous venom, he warned.

The 2021 Maryland General Assembly convened for their 90-day legislative session on January 13.

Within a week, more than 1,000 bills were introduced. More than 60 of them are supported by NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland.

The abortion industry is working aggressively to expand abortion, especially through teleabortion.

Using the COVID-19 pandemic as their cover, Maryland pro-abortion lawmakers are trying to codify telemedicine shortcuts put in place by Governor Larry Hogan’s emergency orders.

President Biden has already said he’ll work to remove FDA safety restrictions on the remote sale and distribution of abortion pills.

Meanwhile, pro-abort legislators are laying the groundwork in states to establish abortion pill distribution chains.

“Hidden threats”

“In Maryland, we are dealing with bills that could allow remote distribution through pharmacists, school-based health centers, and prisons,” says Laura Bogley, the legislative director of Maryland Right to Life.

“Even pro-life lawmakers can fail to see the hidden threats within these bills,” she warns.

Maryland Right to Life, the state’s only single-issue pro-life lobbying organization, is asking all pro-lifers to join in their lobbying efforts to defeat pro-abortion and other anti-life bills (such as the physician-assisted suicide bill defeated in last year’s legislative session) and support pro-life bills.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, procedures for hearing bills have changed drastically.

All committee hearings are by Zoom, and you must register and sign up to testify two business days in advance (see “Reopening Guidelines” and tutorials at www.mgaleg.maryland.gov).

Easy to take action

But MDRTL makes it easy for you to make your voice heard by your legislators:

First, go to their website, mdrtl.org.

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There you’ll see a synopsis of important bills by clicking on individual campaigns.

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Just press “send” and a pre-written letter will be emailed from you.

Follow up with a quick phone call and share with the Legislative Aide your position, as per the phone script and whatever points you’d like to make.

State your name, address, and whether you support or oppose the bill in question. You won’t be required to debate in any way.

Also, sign up for email action alerts at mdrtl.org. You’ll receive emails of important hearing dates to upload written testimony, sign up for oral testimony, and, of course, send messages via Voter Voice.

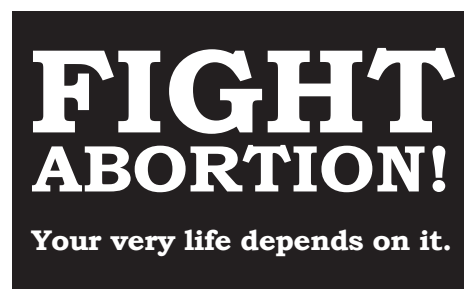
For a complete list of bills MDRTL is tracking, go to the MDRTL bill tracker at mdrtl.org/legislation.html.

“Your voice matters!” says Julie Biasotti, MDRTL’s director of administration.

“Please help us change hearts and minds when it matters most: right before a vote!”



MDRTL’s Laura Bogley urges all pro-lifers to fight pro-abort bills in the Md. General Assembly.



Fight for life at Md. General Assembly and year-round!

By **Loretta Hoffman**

Are we pro-lifers fully prepared and ready to go into discussions with the “powers-that-be” at the Maryland General Assembly this year?

Every year, the enemies of life have been super ready on “Day 1” because they planned, educated, developed strategies and organized themselves far in advance throughout the year.

I urge everyone who cares about life issues such as those affecting the unborn and newborn, the disabled, marriage and family to educate yourselves and to contact your legislators about defending all human life now!

In regard to the issues of abortion, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, among other evils affecting human life, marriage and family in negative ways, please investigate any proposed legislation as soon as possible.

Then, join the Maryland Right to Life Coalition for further action.

Also, please be prepared to act quickly in sending your letters, making phone calls, and, if possible, giving your own personal testimony to the lawmakers.

We must do what we can; however, we must primarily rely on the higher power of God to help us because we are not only engaged in an earthly debate for life, we are in spiritual warfare between the supernatural forces of good and evil.

We must use spiritual weapons mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-20—and use the most important spiritual and victorious strategy of all found in 2 Chronicles 7:14-15, 19-22.

We cannot win this war of defending life by relying only on our own knowledge, power, or expertise. We

need God’s help, and He will give it to us if we ask Him through prayer and fasting.

We cannot afford to be wavering, apathetic or indifferent to the enemies of life who are opposed to sparing the lives of the vulnerable among us and who appear to be acting from a false and misguided sense of compassion, utilitarianism, self-interest, personal pain, inconvenience, hopelessness, or

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a eugenic philosophy.

Folks, we will never win the pro-life cause unless we remain active throughout the year to pray, study the issues, inform, educate and encourage others to always be prepared to make our case for the “Culture of Life!”

We must be aware that the people who claim to be “woke” are the ones who are eager to pass laws permitting the evil agendas of the enemies of life.

Yet we know, from the many tragedies occurring among our young people today, they are to be pitied, prayed for and helped as they suffer from the many negative consequences for them, their families, and our entire society.

Let’s face facts! People in the pews and the students in our schools need much, much more enlightenment, education and exhortation regarding truth and life (temporal and spiritual). The enemies of life, marriage, family life and our religious

beliefs are constantly indoctrinating people, especially our youth in lower and higher forms of education and in the media.

We must not allow ourselves or our children to be indoctrinated by the multi-media and consumer culture.

Are these issues not important enough to put aside our “modern idols” of entertainment and get busy in bringing God’s Light into this present darkness?

We know that the enemies of life are not sleeping. Unfortunately, the advocates of the “Culture of Death” are now pursuing the destruction of those who are undesirable or inconvenient by means of voluntary or involuntary physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia legislation (see www.patientsrightscouncil.org).

The time for those who want to do their part in defense of life, faith, marriage and family is late, but it is not over!

God is still with us and He will intervene if we constantly stay in touch with Him and beg Him for His Divine Mercy to be given to the God-fearing people of our nation and our world.

There’s still time to trust in Him and do the good which we must do to win the battle for the right to life for everyone from the womb to the tomb.

I encourage everyone to begin anew and prepare to follow Jesus’ way of truth and life as you let your light shine for others to have light in this present darkness!

Loretta Hoffman is a Catholic freelance writer and defender of life, faith, marriage and the family. She has supported the right to life for those in all ages, stages and conditions, and as a volunteer for feeding the poor and prison ministry.

In My Humble Opinion

With pro-abortion President Biden, pro-lifers must ‘Ora et labora’

By Janet Baker

The date of this article is January 19, 2021. The next day, January 20, the Biden-Harris Tyranny will be officially unleashed upon the United States of America and, by extension, much of Western civilization.

The Church too, stands to suffer, although too many of her prelates cackle in glee. This comes almost one full year after much of the country was put on de facto house arrest and the economy shut down, on the pretext of protecting us from a virus that, like many others, has a 99% recovery rate for those who even get it.

No honest person gainsays that the election was stolen from Donald Trump. However, too many politicians and court justices decided that they didn't have the courage for a fight and took the easy, cowardly way out.

Similarly, with the COVID-19-excused shutdown of civil and economic life, too many play the sheeple and blindly follow governmental dictates, even to the point of having sinfully derived vaccines injected into their bodies. Between these two groups, there is quite a bit of overlap in the two populations.

So now what do we do? Of course we pray with the understanding that Our Lord ultimately has things under control and that we are in fact undergoing a chastisement for allowing millions of children to be slaughtered in this country for nearly 50 years, coupled with the sins of homosexual relationships,

euthanasia, contraception, etcetera.

However, we do not use that truth as an excuse for retreating into inaction.

On January 18, Joe Scheidler, a pioneering leader in the pro-life movement and devout Catholic, passed away. A favorite phrase he used was the Benedictine motto “Ora et labora,” that is, “pray and work.” So in practical “nuts and bolts” language, what does this entail?

- First, we do pray. That means

Be prepared to engage in civil disobedience against draconian, unconstitutional overreaches by various levels of government.

we pray the Rosary *every day* and wear our Brown Scapulars. Frequent the Sacraments, namely Mass (and I mean in-person, not this “virtual” you-tube stuff) and go to Confession at least monthly. Make the First Saturday devotions, as Our Lady of Fatima requested.

- Get yourselves in front of abortion mills regularly to pray and to offer Christian witness against the horrors of abortion.
- Learn your Faith by reading solid books that were published before Vatican II.
- Learn U.S. history—not the politically correct version.

For both this and the previous bullet point, you might avail yourselves of material from Catholic home-schooling resources.

- Become involved in local politics. Many of our conditions, including these COVID restrictions, are determined at the state level, not federal. Decades ago, the left became very adept at this, allowing them to seize federal-level positions. We must do the same; there are no miraculous shortcuts.
- Be prepared to engage in civil disobedience against draconian, unconstitutional overreaches by various levels of government. I'm not talking of rioting in the streets, as we must eschew criminally violent behavior. I'm talking of simple things, like:
 - Going mask-less in public areas
 - Patronizing businesses that are lenient with the draconian mask requirements or seating limitations
 - Not worrying about crowd sizes when you invite guests into your own homes
 - Cooperating with calls for lobbying or protests from reputable groups
 - Refusing to take those sinful vaccines.

No longer can any of us eschew activism, claiming that “family and job leaves me no time for that.” Make time, else your families will

be destroyed, possibly eternally.

An inexcusable failure of Christians over these past decades is that they have ignored politics, even thinking that they should not “sully themselves” with political fights. So they did, leaving the field wide open for the left, which the left exploited.

Our Lord calls us to be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” Too many of us emphasize the “innocent as doves” part to the exclusion of the other. No more can we afford to do that.

Ora et labora.

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unborn baby.

The “Warnings” label on Cytotec states, “Cytotec (misoprostol) administration to women who are pregnant can cause birth defects, abortion, premature birth or uterine rupture.

“Uterine rupture has been reported when Cytotec was administered in pregnant women to induce labor or to induce abortion. The risk of uterine rupture increases with advancing gestational ages and with prior uterine surgery, including Cesarean delivery.”

Smith is convinced that the near-fatal injuries suffered by Carhart’s two patients in May are only the “tip of an iceberg” of abortion injuries caused by misoprostal.

Many injuries caused by abortion go unreported, she contends. In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute (formerly a branch of Planned Parenthood), only 28 out of 50 states require abortion facilities to report post-abortion complications.

Moreover, women with serious

complications from *medical* abortions—which now account for 40% of all US abortions and are usually completed at home—will likely seek care at an emergency room.

Abortion clinics routinely tell such women to go to an emergency room if they have severe complications such as hemorrhaging, not return to the clinic.

The woman may tell the emergency room doctor that she is having a miscarriage; but even if she tells the truth, the doctor is not legally required to report such an adverse event to the FDA.

Class-action lawsuit

In order to bring Pfizer to account for the injuries caused by misoprostal, WAKE UP is launching a class-action lawsuit against Pfizer, Inc.

The women injured at Carhart’s facility in May “have given me their word that they will take part in the class-action suit,” explained Smith. “You just need five people to have a class-action suit in Maryland, so we only need three more.”

WAKE UP’s auxiliary website, abortioninjured.com, explains the cause and purpose of the class action suit and gives contact information for women injured by abortion to get more information and help.

“If you’ve had an abortion procedure, it’s likely that you may have used this medication,” says Smith. “Misoprostol, or Cytotec, causes violent uterine contractions in the clinic or at home.”

Smith urged women injured during an abortion to contact them, whether they’re not sure if misoprostol was the cause, or if they know it was and are interested in joining the class-action suit.

“We have excellent attorneys

to file the lawsuit,” Smith added: “We’re very optimistic we can get this on a roll!”

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When Baker asked Ball if the teachers were in fact, being told “to use incorrect pronouns to cater to this one child’s proclivities,” Ball replied that “At no time did the Archdiocese, not myself or school staff members threaten parents or teachers or demand that a person act in a manner that’s inconsistent with their religious convictions.

“The school has and will continue to maintain a Catholic identity and unwavering commitment to instill the teachings of the Catholic Church, including those regarding human sexuality.”

However, when Baker asked Ball specifically whether any teacher was being “permitted” to address the little girl as a boy, Ball declined to answer her question.

But, according to one mother who took part in the Rosary rally, some of the teachers are doing so.

The mother, five of whose children are Incarnation graduates, still has two attending.

One is a third grader, but in a different cohort at the 750-student school than the girl in question.

“My daughter doesn’t talk about it, but I can hear the teachers using the girl’s new [boy’s] name when my daughter has taken online classes while at home,” she said.

Came home in tears

Another mother, whose child is in the same third grade classroom as Lorenz’s daughter, said, “My child has come home in tears over

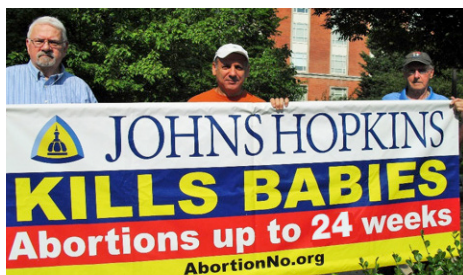
the people around her lying about a child that she cares about.

“My third grader sees that these adults and other children are supporting something against God that is wrong,” she explained. “She cares about her friend and does not want her to be harmed or sad.

“This is a Catholic school. God created us as male or female at birth and none of our children should be forced or pressured to believe differently,” she declared.

“The school has chosen to accommodate one child in mental turmoil and her parent’s wishes over the mental health and well-being of all others in the school

“It is not being loving, kind and inclusive to perpetuate or support the mental abuse of an innocent child, nor to cause others harm in giving into the wishes of one,” she concluded.



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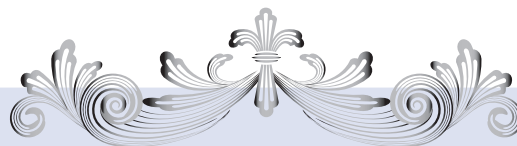
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Empty Manger Event at Planned Parenthood

Pro-lifers held an Empty Manger Event in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Baltimore January 6, singing Christmas carols around a Nativity scene showing Mary and Joseph kneeling next to an empty manger. “Mary said ‘Yes’ to God,” explained Baltimore Advocates for Life Director John Roswell. “But every woman who has an abortion is saying ‘No’ to life. And we have no idea what that life might have accomplished!”

Three days later, Roswell was surprised and happy to learn of a young woman who had said “Yes” to life, when a grandmother came up and thanked him, saying her daughter had been planning to have an abortion—but Roswell and others had given her flyers and talked to her, and she changed her mind. “She showed me a picture of her new granddaughter and thanked me!” said Roswell.



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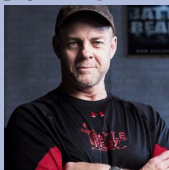
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