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GARLAND NINE IMPRISONED FOR ACTING AGAINST BABY-SLAUGHTER

During the week of May 14-17, 2024, the pro-life activists known as the Garland 9 received their prison sentences. To reiterate some history, they conducted an “old-style” rescue at Cesare Santangelo’s abortuary (Washington Surgi-Center) in Washington DC. The rescue occurred on October 22, 2020. This is the same abortion mill that killed the babies that Lauren Handy (one of the Garland 9) and Terrisa Bukovinac obtained from a pick-up driver on March 25, 2022.

Several of the activists were tried on August 9, 2023; the remainder were tried on September 6, 2023. They were all found guilty. Because the pro-abortion judge declared these rescuers (including three grandmothers) to be dangerous, they were imprisoned until their sentencing. That is to say they were jailed before they were sentenced. Paulette Harlow, owing to health issues, was placed under house arrest instead. But now the sentencing has occurred for most of them.

The sentence lengths vary amongst them. They are listed below:

Lauren Handy – 57 months
 John Hinshaw – 21 months
 Will Goodman – 27 more months
 Joan Andrews Bell – 27 months
 Jean Marshall – 24 months
 Herb Geraghty – 27 months
 Jonathan Darnell – 34 months
 Paulette Harlow – 24 months

The Thomas More Society is planning appeals of these sentences.

The nine months during which they were incarcerated will be credited to their sentence length.

Heather Idoni has not yet been sentenced; her sentencing will happen in a few weeks. Moreover, she faces trial on July 30 for another unrelated rescue. Her sentences from these rescues could amount to 30 years or more.

During their pre-sentencing incarceration, two of the older women suffered medical abuse.

Heather Idoni, age 59, had a stroke about May 1. She had three stents for arteries above her heart. She is accusing the DC jail of gross medical neglect for withholding medication related to this condition. The jail is administering some but not the blood thinner.

She is also diabetic. She was told that medication for that was “not available”, although it was available at other jails. Her blood sugar numbers are one hundred points higher than they should be.

In April, she was put in solitary confinement for 22 days as punishment for sharing food with another prisoner. During that time, the lights in her cell were on constantly, allowing her little to no sleep. The temperatures in her cell were kept at about 40 degrees, with her only having one sheet and one blanket. Bear in mind that she is a medically fragile woman.

Jean Marshall, held in Alexandria Detention Center, also reported freezing conditions in her cell. She contracted pneumonia, but was not treated for three weeks. Moreover, being diagnosed with osteoarthritis in both hips, she was scheduled for hip surgery on October 23, 2023. The prison did not allow her to keep

that surgery appointment.

The US House Pro-Life Caucus Co-Chairmen, Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Andy Harris (R-MD) are demanding answers regarding Idoni’s and Marshall’s situations from the U.S. Marshall Service and the Bureau of Prisons. When they wrote that letter, they gave the directors of these agencies until Friday to respond. Friday, May 17, is the date of the writing of this article.

The Thomas More Society is planning appeals of these sentences. No matter what one might think of the advisability of clinic rescues – and opinions vary amongst dedicat-

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ed pro-lifers – no honest person can gainsay that the treatment meted out to those known as the Garland 9 is nothing short of a gross miscarriage of justice and a sheer act of vindictiveness by pro-abortion elements within our government.



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Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation — Brainwashing for Progressivism

On Saturday, April 13, 2024, the Archdiocese of Baltimore hosted its 45th Annual Social Ministry Convocation. Instead of Mercy High School, the location changed to Calvert Hall College Hight School. It's not far from Mercy, where it had happened for quite a few years now, just a few miles north, off Loch Raven Boulevard. One wonders why they felt it necessary to make the switch. In reality, Calvert also seems to be inclined to coddle various perversions among its students. Under the "about us" section of the page <https://www.calverthall.com/#/>, we see a sub-header for "diversity, equity and inclusion". We know what these buzz words signify. From that page we read (copy and pasted here) "We endeavor to instill in our students respect, understanding, and appreciation for all individuals, regardless of race, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, socioeconomic status, age, or religion. So in practical terms, what does that mean? Does that mean if some young gal thinks she's a guy and changes her name from Ellen to Allan, can be admitted to the school under those pretenses and share a gym locker room with 15-year-old biologically-born males? Inquiring minds (like donors and parents) would like to know. But I digress.

When we discovered what was about to happen last year, one of our friends attended that thing to see how bad it was going to be. The Archdiocese of Baltimore, regrettably, lived down to the expecta-



Convocation panel of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's 45th Annual Social Ministry Convocation

tions. The mess was written up in the March-April 2023 issue of the Defend Life newsletter, starting on page 4.

I attended this year's mess myself, and another faithful Catholic

to the auditorium.

Shortly thereafter, the beginning panel discussion took place. The panelists are pictured to the right. I will name them, left to right. The first lady is Giuliana Valencia-Banks, Chief of Immigrant Affairs for Baltimore County. She was not a member of the panel but was simply the discussion moderator. The panelists are pictured above, moving to the right:

- Father Matthew Buening, pastor of St Matthew's on Loch Raven Boulevard and Archdiocesan Coordinator of LGBT Ministries
- M. Gayle Briscoe, Baltimore City Organizer for Bridge Maryland Inc.
- Erin Younkins, Director of Office of Life, Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
- Jose Aguto, Executive Direc-

**To whom did all us
convocation attendees
have to fork over
\$25 to attend this
little gab-fest?**

did the same. When I registered, I had to write a \$25.00 check to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. I was quite revolted at the idea, but did so to gain admittance. The beginning prayer service was in full swing by the time I got

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Working to Defeat the Reproductive Freedom Amendment

On Tuesday, April 30th, Deborah Brocato, director of Health Not Harm, gave a presentation on the so-called “Reproductive Freedom Amendment” that will be on the ballot in November. The presentation began at 6:00PM and occurred at St. Elizabeth’s in Rockville MD. Between 35 - 45 people attended.

Ms. Brocato went into great detail concerning the wording and structure of this amendment, illustrating how this is a gigantic trampling of parental rights that goes beyond the promotion of abortion. Please observe the wording in bold. Notice how the words “persons” and “individuals” are used – not words like “woman” that would make clear that the amendment would apply only to adult women. Also, the amendment states that its scope encompasses not only abor-

“That **every person**, as a central component of an **individual’s right** to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, **including but not limited to** the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy. The State may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

WHAT’S THE HARM?

- Loss of parental rights
- Decreased quality and safety for medical care
- Crisis pregnancy centers litigated into closing
- Loss of conscience protection for healthcare professionals
- Loss of free speech

The aim is to give to voters, as they depart from the polls, information regarding this amendment.

tion, but everything else that is commonly considered “reproductive freedom”, such as “gender-assignment” surgery, puberty blockers, etc. Efforts were made to clarify the amendment language to exclude minors and to make the ballot lan-

guage match the amendment. Pro-abortion legislators quashed those measures.

An immediate course of action for which Brocato sought volunteers is to be at the polls on May 14, Maryland’s primary election day and to be at the polls during early voting. The aim is to give to voters, as they depart from the polls, information regarding this amendment. By the time that this article is distributed in the Defend Life newsletter, the primary election will have

already occurred. However, there will be many more venues at which to educate the voters, such as various civic events. Three holidays during which there are parades and other celebrations are Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Additionally, there are various fairs and outdoor festivals that traditionally see much in the way of political and civic activism.

Of course, there are churches in which educational events can occur. Because the effort to stop this amendment does not entail partisan politics, churches and other houses of worship are entirely free to engage in the effort to stop this amendment without fear of jeopardizing their 501c3 status. Even if that were not the case, Christian churches have a moral imperative to urge their congregations not only to vote against the amendment, but also to campaign for its defeat.

Sadly, though, I have seen firsthand at least one Catholic church drag its feet when it comes to supporting the efforts of Health Not Harm. I tried to get my own parish to advertise in its bulletin this April 30th event. When I asked why the notice did not appear in its bulletin, I was told in an email by parish personnel, “our desire is to focus on the resources provided by the Maryland Catholic Conference. I am sorry, but we will not be promoting the St. Elizabeth’s event that is coming up.” Not understanding why she thought that the efforts of Maryland

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Blessed Are Those Who Mourn: A Call to Action for Victims of Abortion

Webster's Dictionary defines "Crimes Against Humanity" as a deliberate act, typically which is a part of a systematic campaign that causes human suffering or death on a large scale. The campaign of Abortion in America, over the past 50 years, is the epitome of such crimes. The inhumane slaughter of 64,000,000 defenseless children and the exploitation of their naive mothers have caused immeasurable suffering to both abortion victims and those of us who have been forced to witness the systematic deterioration of the conscience of our nation.

Many of us in the pro-life movement realized long ago that the United States government under the presidential administrations of Johnson and Nixon, with the eugenic influence of Kissinger and one politically-driven junior associate Justice Blackmun, collaborated on an elaborate scheme which circumvented congressional legislation and decriminalized the deliberate murder of preborn babies without restriction.

Webster's definition of a "scheme" is a plan or plan of action; especially a crafty or secret one. It is no wonder that Justice Samuel Alito would refer to the set of rules which Roe v Wade created as a "scheme" in his opinion in the Dobbs case that overturned Roe and Casey on June 24, 2022, abolishing the illusion of a constitutional right to abortion.

Crafty schemes were the building blocks for a generation of wealthy white elite eugenicists led by Margaret Sanger and her American Birth Control League. Planned Parenthood and 'reproduc-



Missy Smith of W.A.K.E.U.P.

tive healthcare' are still nothing less than propaganda doublespeak for the systemic killing of innocent human beings. It was none other than Sanger's ideology that inspired Hitler's "Master Race" and his 'secret' program of action to eliminate all 'human weeds'; the Jewish people, the retarded, handicapped and Catholics in order to create their grand illusion of a more perfect race on an international scale.

On April 12, 1945 General Eisenhower flew to the Ohrdruf Camp. The camp was still filled with the putrefied bodies of prisoners who had been murdered before the SS Guards fled. General Eisenhower marched the local townspeople into the concentration camp to witness, to their shock and horror, the depravity they had been ignoring. The stench of death that filled those 'holocaust camps' is the same stench of death described by former workers that fills legal baby killing 'abortion

centers' in America today. Like the townspeople of Ohrdruf, it is time we all face the reality of the stench of the culture of death that we have been ignoring in our own country for too long.

In President Eisenhower's farewell address January 17, 1961, he warned the American people of the threat of a growing "Military Industrial Complex". Today we face a far greater evil which has been gaining power in our country known as "The Abortion Industrial Complex". It is so vast and repugnant that only a brave few have been willing to explore and expose the breadth and depth of the current "Crimes Against Humanity".

First was the discovery of hormonal byproducts in birth control pills which pass in urine polluting our water resources and neutering marine life. Now its transgender 'therapy' drugs neutering our children. We clearly remember the hard sell of safe, legal and rare surgical extractions of clumps of cells, denying any form of human life, and all the while they were building an underground fetal organ harvesting 'scheme' and a multi-billion dollar 'research' arm of the Abortion Industrial Complex. Completely ignored is the 'sanitary and respectful disposition of aborted fetal remains' as a nationwide trucking industry has created a ghastly smuggling ring of these precious little bodies into "hopper-to-energy" incinerators.

The food industry in America has been genetically enhancing their

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Several things YOU can do to make our **24th** June 24-28 Annual Maryland **TRUTH Tour** the best ever.

- Be on our **26** member CORE TEAM. Show the **ugly Face of Abortion to thousands**. Travel with us all 5 days. Attend Holy Mass each day. Hear inspirational luncheon speakers daily. We pick up all expenses for Core Team members including local travel, meals, and housing. **16** slots filled as of now, only **10** slots remain — sign up NOW.

- We want students, both high school and college students, as well as adults to be on our CORE TEAM. Students must be **15** years old by September or accompanied by an older sibling or relative. Contact

Natalie Sharpe, our Regent University student intern at **443-774-9702** to sign up.



- If you cannot be on our CORE TEAM all 5 days, come be with us an entire day or two, or come to individual STOPS listed at **DefendLife.org**

- Help also needed for in Charles Town, WV, Montgomery County, Bowie and Towson areas. Again, contact Natalie Sharpe if you can help.

- Your generous financial support is needed

for Stipends for Interns, Speakers and Priests offering Mass – Vehicle Rentals (we will have to rent a van to carry our signs) – food, water, ice, and drastically increasing gasoline costs. All

told, we need to raise **\$12,000**. Several generous anonymous donors have again pledged **\$6,000** if we can raise the other \$6,000. This means that your donation will be matched \$ for \$. In other words, your \$500 becomes \$1,000, \$250 becomes \$500, and \$100 becomes \$200. Please send your most generous tax deductible donation postmarked no later than July 1 to qualify for this matching grant or give more easily online at **DefendLife.org** and click **Ways to Give**. Remember. **Our Good Lord is never outdone in generosity.**



\$ for \$

BOB NEWMAN • Irreplaceable • One of a Kind

Bob Newman, a great hero of the Pro-Life movement, went to his Eternal Reward Tuesday, April 2. He died at home surrounded by his huge family in one of the Pittsburgh suburbs. Bob who was a native New Yorker had grown up on Long Island. He met his wonderful wife, Joanie, while both were in kindergarten. He was an ardent Brooklyn Dodgers fan. As a young child in a Catholic parochial school, he wrote a brilliant rhyming poem about Dodger great Cookie Lavagetto. The nun

was not pleased.

Bob, always a gutsy New Yorker, relocated to the Pittsburgh area where he lived the bulk of his adult life. He and Joanie were the proud parents of 10 adult children and many grandchildren and even some great grandchildren.

I first got to know Bob shortly after we did our first Truth Tour in the year 2001. Our next to last STOP was to be in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. But to get to Rehoboth, we had to travel the Coastal Highway. It was a busy Saturday summer morning and traffic was jammed on this four-

lane highway which I later found out that was ***par for the course***. **There was no way we were going to get to Rehoboth in time for our Noon STOP so we improvised.** We simply parked our caravan on the shoulders, got out our signs and set them up on both sides of the median strip. Soon we were joined by the

Delaware State Police who told us ***we had to leave***. Not wanting to jeopardize our afternoon on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, we complied. But here's the good that resulted. One of Bob's close friends from Pittsburgh was vacationing there. She spotted our Truth Tour signs as we were being ***chewed out*** by the **Delaware State Police**. She passed the idea onto Bob who loved it and ran with it.



Soon Bob was doing dozens of Face the Truth Tours all over Pittsburgh, all over its numerous suburbs, and all over Pennsylvania including cities like Greensburg, Altoona, Johnstown, Harrisburg, York, Lancaster and Reading as well as Morgantown, West Virginia.

Here is one great story. A gutsy lady stopped her car coming out of Pittsburgh's heavily trafficked Liberty Tunnel during rush hour. In spite of ***deafening honking***, she rushed over to tell Bob that ***she now had a granddaughter because of his great work***. Other glorious stories were about the numerous **saves** at Planned Parenthood's ***abortuary*** in downtown Pittsburgh. that resulted from Bob's Truth Tours there.

Not satisfied with the great work he was already doing, Bob soon began distributing Face the Truth signs all over America so that other groups could save lives as Bob had done in his many dozens of Truth Tours. These huge colored signs were printed by John and Mary Lou Coyle in Baltimore, shipped to Cleveland where Bob had negotiated a great deal for laminating, and then back to Bob in Pittsburgh where he shipped them to customers all over America enabling them to conduct their own Truth Tours. Bob even compiled a soft-covered book documenting his many dozens of Truth Tours.

Send Mass Cards to Bob's wife Joan Newman, 115 Brookside Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15241.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation — How to Justify Gay Perversions on the Sly

We resume with coverage of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Social Ministry gab-fest. After the panel discussion, the morning workshops commenced. I attended the one conducted by Father Bruening, entitled "Like Every Disciple: Putting It Into Action". It focused on Archbishop Lori's document of the same name that dealt with LGBT people in the Church.

Bruening stated that this document gave a blueprint for LGBT parish ministries. Then he stated that his parish (St Matthew's) already had a history of such ministry. Well, if one calls dragging the name of St Matthew's through the filth of gay pride parades and lending credibility to all sorts of perverse sexuality a "ministry", we can see his point. In reality, it is committing all sorts of blasphemies and sacrilege. He thinks Lori was sharing his dreams in this document. I fear he may be correct and that dream in reality will result in nightmares as these "ministries" grease the skids to hell for so many souls embroiled in sexual vices.

He then stated that the Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We call that a half-truth. In fact, the Church's overarching mission is to save souls, i.e. snatch them from hell and help them achieve heaven. See how they deftly excise any mention of life after death? After we die, we ultimately go to heaven or hell. That truth, too, is removed from consideration. We are called to love Jesus Christ, but we do so first by repenting of our sins and turning from them, for they offend Him greatly.



Gordon Creamer, of Embracing God's Gifts, in drag

Bruening spoke of the "life-giving tension of charity and truth". Why is there this attempt to pretend that there is "tension" between charity and truth? One does not exist without the other. In 1 John 4:8, we read that "God is love". In John 14:6, Jesus says "I am the way, the truth and the life". Ladies and gentlemen, God has no "tension" in Himself and it would be blasphemous to allude otherwise.

Then he spoke of "forming relationships" and a subsequent "earning the right to speak". What gives Christians the "right to speak" has nothing to do with "relationship". Rather, that "right to speak" is actually a command from Jesus to promulgate His truth. Later he said of ministry in general is that the greatest thing is to lead someone to a deep, intimate love of Jesus Christ. Again, that doesn't happen without

repentance. In this entire tome, the word "repentance" isn't mentioned once.

After some more remarks by Bruening, the panel discussion began. First we heard from Samuel who is involved with the LEAD gay-enabling group. Let's take a few minutes to examine just what LEAD advocates. At the bottom of this page <https://www.leadlgbtministry.com/gallery> we see them advertising an "Interfaith Renaming Ceremony". People pretending to be of the opposite sex often change their names to conform to their fantasies. Clicking through the pictures in the gallery, one sees pictures of St Matthew's parishioners participating in Baltimore's gay pride parade. If one clicks all the way through the gallery, they are taken to this video that gives a tear-jerker account of two lesbians get-

ting civilly married. The two sing the praises of Father Muth who, at the 3:59 mark, seems to be joining them at their “reception” dinner. Aside from the abysmal mockery of marriage, this video makes plain that indeed LEAD and the other “gay ministries” seek to undermine the Church’s teachings on marriage and sexuality. Let us now resume with this workshop. Father Muth was at this workshop, by the way.

We then heard from Diane Lesko, who heads Open Arms Ministry, based at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. Here is their website <https://www.resurrectionmd.org/openarms>. First go all the way to the bottom and notice that the copyright for this site is held by Church of the Resurrection itself. This site advertises Fr. James Martin’s pro-sodomy propaganda as well as PFLAG. It features a list of “welcoming parishes”. That’s thinly-disguised code-talk for perversion-enabling parishes. Ladies and gentlemen, *all* healthy parishes are welcoming of the *repentant* sinner. In addition to the word “repentance” mentioned above, the word “confession” is likewise not mentioned. Frankly, I didn’t catch much of what she or Samuel had to say; they both held the microphones so close to their mouths that their voices were muddled.

Lastly we heard from Gordon Creamer. He runs the “Embracing God’s Gifts” thing at St. Ignatius in Baltimore. One little tidbit that he didn’t mention in his introductory remarks that he is gay-married. We discovered that about five years ago. Look at the two pictures in this article. In the top one, Creamer certainly is dressed normally enough. The other one? That’s obviously a different story. He’s the one in the frilly yellow hat and spaghetti-



Gordon Creamer at a workshop

strapped-dress? His hand is on the shoulder of his “husband” Brian Fitzek. That picture was found on Fitzek’s facebook page several years ago. Please refer to the Nov-Dec 2019 issue of the Defend Life newsletter for action taken upon this discovery.

Creamer seemed to home in on this idea of “accompaniment”, stating that his pastor at the time was influential in that focus. I wonder if that was the same pastor that I called to inquire as to the appropriateness of a gay-married guy being allowed to wield positions of influence at the Church. Anyway, he spoke of “accompanying the parish, to help them understand what it is to be an LGBTQ+ person”. I wonder when we’ll hear what it is to be a mass-murdering person. If the latter sounds ridiculous, so does the former.

After Creamer finished, Fr Bruening enthused, “every time I hear Gordon Creamer speak, my heart melts!” Unless he is completely clueless as to Creamer’s “marital status”, I can only surmise that this adulation signifies approval of the same.

He answered a question regarding Courage and Encourage. They are obedient to the Church and don’t appear to be utilizing any subterfuge in promoting perverted ideas

and practices. I regret that nothing further was said of them, and they did not have a table open during the lunchtime session.

Soon after, the session ended and we headed to lunch. In the next issue, I’ll report on the afternoon session and the display tables that were set up in the lunch hall.

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“savory flavor ingredients” with HEK 293 (harvested Human Embryonic Kidneys) for decades. Big Pharma and covert university researchers have been exposed for mass producing humanized mice. We are bathing in, sipping and munching on, and injecting these children into our bodies just as the Bible foretold in Deuteronomy 28:53 that if we don’t stop the evil, we “shall eat the fruit of [our] wombs”. (See editor’s note at the end.)

Enter the latest and most devious ‘scheme’ of chemical abortion. According to Guttmacher Institute, 63% of all abortions are by chemically-induced preterm labor and expulsion of the baby into a toilet. Guttmacher’s 2023 “Abortion Counts” claimed 642,700 women were sent home in 2023 to endure the blood, tears, and hours of endless excruciating pain, alone. Abortion providers know by their own research that this ‘regimen’ is 4 times more dangerous than surgical abortion. Now this ‘scheme’ which the FDA originally declared ‘crude and medically unnecessary’ can be sold to anyone by anyone online or at your corner pharmacy.

To the ‘silent suffering’ who have been victims of chemical or surgical abortion, whether you were coerced or not, be not ashamed. Abortion ‘health care’ providers are

experts at exploiting the naive and vulnerable. Find comfort in knowing that you do not mourn alone.

We have been lied to and taken advantage of. A trauma happens each time we take the poison or we experience the snuffing out of the precious life that was to be. That trauma is imprinted on our soul for all eternity. The emptiness in our body does not go unnoticed even if we deny it consciously; subconsciously it hardens the maternal instinct. It is not natural to kill one's own flesh and blood. Just ask the thousands upon thousands of women of Silent No More, Operation Out Cry and Rachael's Vineyard, three very powerful organizations for post-abortive women and men. Indeed, men also mourn the loss of fatherhood. They too have been victimized by the social construct of abortion on demand. The Great Deceiver has been just as successful in the 21st century as he has been from the beginning of time.

As we turn away from any shame or guilt that we have been harboring from events past and open our eyes to the reality of the "crimes" that have been committed against us, we must place our trust in God's mercy and the justice available to us in this country. Massive crimes are still going on every day while the abortion cabal profits billions of dollars off their lies and our naivete. It is time to turn our victimhood into our victory. Let us turn our mourning into justice in honor of the babies we have tragically lost and come together as one voice to say we have had "Crimes Against Humanity" committed against us!

We know there is greater strength in numbers. Therefore, my call to action is for all women and men who have been 'blessed by

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Catholic Conference and Health Not Harm were mutually exclusionary, I replied back to inquire about her reasons. To date, I have received no reply.

Today, May 23, I just received an email advising me of a webpage crafted by the Maryland Catholic Conference that deals with this issue. The url is <https://www.mdcatholic.org/voteno>. On that page is a link to a letter issued by the three Maryland prelates. The MCC examines this amendment through the lens of abortion only. There is no mention of the allowance of "gender reassignment" and other gay-agenda threats being posed to minors, nor is there mention of the complete removal of parental rights when it comes to dealing with their children who are being targeted by the abortion industry and the gay-promoting cartels that exist in



Deborah Brocato during her presentation at St. Elizabeth's in Rockville

society. While I am pleased that the MCC is taking a stand, I strongly suggest that the material from HealthNotHarmMD.com be utilized as well.

their mourning' to sign their names next to mine as co-plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the United States Government that has already admitted it is complicit in these Crimes Against our Humanity. My prayer is that you all find the courage, as I have after all these years, to come along side me in this effort of redemption. May justice be our divine consolation through a Class Action suit to be named "Blessed are Those Who Mourn."

Missy Reilly Smith

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Editor's note: Ms. Smith, the author of this article, wanted to make mention of Senomyx, an international company that puts "taste enhancers", made from the bodies of aborted babies, into various foods such as Schweppes, Kraft, Nestle, Cadbury products.

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tor of Catholic Climate Covenant

I will give some background on some of these people and/or their organizations, not in order of their appearance in the line-up.

We'll start with Ms. Briscoe's organization. Bridge Inc, as evidenced from their website <https://www.bridgemd.org/>, is a community-organizing bunch affiliated with Gamaliel Inc. It is with Gamaliel that a young Barack Obama got started in "community organizing". Gamaliel has quite a few ties to CCHD. To whom did all us convocation attendees have to fork over \$25 to attend this little gab-fest?

Let's look at Catholic Climate Covenant, shall we? Exposes on them and other such organizations have shown them to be into the promotion of population control, one-world government, and earth-worship. One can often get a decent sense of the organization by looking at its board of directors on its website. Take a look at <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/about/our-team/> and notice that Stephen Schneck sits on that board. At one time, Schneck was co-chair of "Catholics for Obama".

Then we have Sister Patricia Talone, of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. They are headquartered in an office suite in Silver Spring, MD. I remember several years ago that some of us picketed them when they hosted New Ways Ministries for one of their meetings. Their website <https://sistersofmercy.org/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity/> makes plain their own disobedience to Church teaching on sexuality.

Moving onto Father Buening, some background is in order. He succeeded Father Joseph Muth as



Muth at the auditorium

Pastor of St Matthew's church when the latter was forced to retire by Archbishop Lori. Muth had been there approximately 20 years. During that time, he led St. Matthew's down the primrose path of all manners of gay-coddling. He even led a contingent from St Matthew's in several of Baltimore's gay pride parades.

After Muth left and Buening took over, many of us had hopes that he would restore some semblance of the Catholic faith to St Matthew's. I am not so sure of that now. During the panel discussion, Buening remarked how he met "holy gay and trans people". FULL STOP! One cannot be "holy" while continuing to reject the very nature of how God created them, and that is precisely what those engaged in sexual perversions are doing. Moving on, he said his ministry was about "listening, hearing stories, accompanying people on a long and winding road..." Then he lamented

how the Church has been "condemning and judgmental... I started to feel very strongly that we as a Church need to change this, not just with dry catechesis, but love and relationships."

Let me pause for a little unpacking. First, don't we all hear echoes of Francis in this speech, what with all the talk about "accompanying" and "dry catechesis versus love"? Accompany? To where, precisely? Moreover, this "dry catechesis" is God's word and commands. Without these being promulgated clearly and often, the sexually deviant person will be "accompanied" straight

to hell. All are welcomed into the Church, but all must come in via way of repentance, and that means repentance from sexual perversions of all sorts, including the LGBTQ categories.

The last question for the panel members was who inspired them the most. Father Bruening stated that his inspiration was Father Muth, his disaster-laden predecessor at St Matthew's. He also gave a shout-out to Muth for he was in attendance. In fact, Muth was seated just a few rows in front of me. Truth be told, when I first noted him as I sat down, I thought he looked somewhat familiar. As Bruening spoke, the bulk of the attendees broke out into a rather loud yet dismaying applause. Such adulation revealed the regrettable mindsets of too many Catholics.

Thus the panel discussion ended and we all processed to various workshops.

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