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NO MERCY – CATHOLIC CULTURE OF DEATH

Does the above title sound like an oxymoron to you? It should, but that seems to be the reality of what is being advanced by the Church hierarchy today.

In the previous issue of the **Defend Life** newsletter, we commented about the strange reluctance of the Maryland bishops to oppose legal measures that were designed to thwart the gay agenda in Maryland. While they attempted to maintain a façade of conformity with Church tradition regarding the inherent sinfulness of perverted sexual relations, their affinity with the gay agenda has become quite evident, official pretenses aside.

Now it has become apparent that we have reason to fear US hierarchal collusion with the culture of death in another arena, namely euthanasia. Sister Deirdre Byrne, superior of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts in Washington DC, started to sound the alarm on this danger when a close friend of hers, Sister Philip Marie Burle CPPS, was euthanized at Mount Carmel Senior Living in St Charles, MO on April 4, 2022. That's right. She was murdered at a Catholic health facil-



Sister Dede Byrne, fighting euthanasia

ity, by staff there. Going against her wishes, they removed food and water from her and administered heavy sedatives.

Sister DeDe has compiled a movie to highlight the dark, demonic mindset that has infested quite a few so-called "Catholic" facilities. It is called "No Mercy: The Catholic Culture of Death". A trailer is available here [https://vimeo.com/929627754?&login=true#_=_](https://vimeo.com/929627754?&login=true#_=). In this trailer, she highlighted the plight of her late friend, complete with clips of Sister Philip Marie as the latter was in her final days.

In Missouri, direct euthanasia is

illegal. However, the withholding of food and/or water is permitted. That seems to be the case in several states. Critics of this duplicity rightly call it "stealth euthanasia". Hospices have government-funding incentives to hasten the deaths of those

under their charge.

Another euthanasia victim highlighted in the trailer was Grace Shara, a 19-year old with Down Syndrome. When she came down with Covid, she was placed in St Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. It is in the St Louis based Ascension Health Care Network. Her family believes that Grace was overly sedated and deliberately killed by hospital staff. They gave her maximum doses of three drugs and put a "Do Not Resuscitate" order in her chart without the consent

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President Trump Pardons And Releases Twenty-Three Incarcerated Pro-Life Activists

On Thursday, January 23, twenty-three pro-life activists whom the Biden administration strong-armed into jail via kangaroo courts for peaceful civil disobedience. Among that number are the activists known as the Garland Nine. The Thomas More Society, who have been representing these activists throughout their ordeals, announced the pardons earlier that day. Trump noted that these activists were peaceful and quite a few are elderly.

The Garland Nine are: Lauren Handy, Jonathan Darnell, Paulette Harlow, Jean Marshall, John Hinshaw, William Goodman, Heather Idoni, Herb Geraghty, Joan Bell. The others who make up the rest of the twenty-three are: Jay Smith, Father Fidelis Moscinski, Coleman Boyd, Joel Curry, Eva Edl, Chet Gallagher, Dennis Green, Justin Phillips, Paul Place, Paul Vaughn, Bevelyn Beatty Williams, Carl Zastrow, Eva Zastrow, James Zastrow. A video is circulating of President Trump signing the order. As he did so, he noted that none of them should ever have been prosecuted, and that he was honored to be the one to release them.

They were released very soon after the pardon was signed. Several of them attended the annual March for Life the following day in Washington DC.

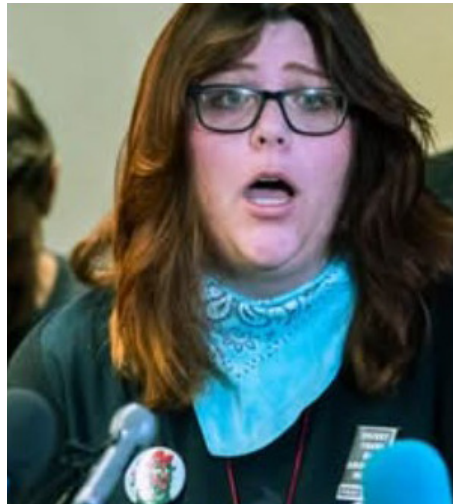
The Trump administration has stripped the Department of Justice's weaponization against pro-life activists. On January 27 it was announced that the DOJ became unable to pursue its case against Red



Joan Bell, with husband Chris



David Daleiden



Lauren Handy



Bevelyn Beatty Williams

Rose Rescue, Citizens for a Pro Life Society and seven individuals (Lauren Handy, Father Moscinski, Monica Miller, Laura Gies, Jay Smith, Audrey Whipple, Stephanie Berry). They too were being prosecuted for FACE violations.

In California, the Attorney General's office agreed to a plea deal with Sandra Merritt and David Daleiden, whose high crime was taking part in exposing Planned Parenthood's sale of body parts from babies murdered via abortion. The

case against them was initiated by none other than Kamala Harris, whose political career has (hopefully) gone down in flames this past November. Ms. Merritt & Mr. Daleiden were represented by Liberty Counsel. They will do no prison time and will pay no fines.

Most pro-life people and indeed all people of good will rejoice that the gross miscarriage of justice against the aforementioned pro-life activists has been corrected. We are, however, mystified by the silence

President Trump's Other Pro-Life Accomplishments

In addition to freeing the imprisoned pro-lifers and calling the Biden hounds off other activists, President Trump took other key actions to bolster protection of innocent babies. I list them now in no particular order.

- He reinstated the Mexico City Policy, a Reagan-era policy that forbade US dollars from going to foreign agencies that promote or perform abortions.

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- He removed the United States from the pro-abortion World Health Organization and defunded them to the tune of \$37 million

by one group that should have been most vociferous in praising their pardon. I speak of the United States bishops. With the lone exception of Bishop Joseph Strickland, the nation's bishops have uttered not one peep about the release of these pro-life activists. On January 28, the USCCB pro-life chair, Bishop Daniel Thomas issued a statement reaffirming our right to pray and peacefully protest, without mentioning these newly-released activists. This comes two days after the bishops were rebuked for their silence on the blog [Restore-DC-Catholicism.blogspot.com](https://www.restore-dc-catholicism.blogspot.com).

- He announced that the US would rejoin the Geneva Consensus Declaration, an agreement that recognizes the fundamental role of the family and states that there is no international right to abortion.
- He declared that the US government would recognize only two genders: biologically born men and biologically born women
- Future FACE usage is strongly limited
- Military personnel booted for refusing the abortion-tainted COVID vaccines can be reinstated with full back pay, subject to the wishes of affected personnel
- Reinstated the Hyde Amendment, preventing taxpayer dollars from funding domestic abortions.
- Banned transgenders from serving in the military
- Promised to investigate leftist attacks on churches and pregnancy centers
- Endorsed Congressional bill HR 21 that would protect babies who survive attempts to end their lives via abortion
- Halted funding for the "gender

transitioning" of children

By the time this newsletter goes to press, there may well be more such actions. It's worth noting that in no case did the president attempt to legislate or negate already-enacted law. He can't, as the office of the president does not hold legislative powers. It will be up to us, the citizens of the United States, to work for pro-life candidates to of-

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fice, even if they aren't candidates for canonized sainthood.

Regarding that last sentence, I commend those voters who formerly refused to vote for Trump in 2016 owing to Trump's flaws, but who now seem to understand that even less-than-perfect people are far more preferable over even less unworthy candidates. That fact is now obvious, as it was in June 2022, when *Roe v Wade* was struck down, due to Trump-appointed justices.

Elections do have consequences.



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Dr. Peter Kreeft Speaks At KOC Rock Creek Council In Bethesda, Maryland

On Friday, January 24th, at the annual March for Life Kick-Off Rally that is held at the Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council in Bethesda MD, Dr. Peter Kreeft delivered the main address. The main thrust was to expound on a key reason why we engage in pro-life work. Dr. Kreeft's talk was actually quite brief. He opened by recounting the conversion of St. Paul: appropriate, since the Church celebrated on January 25th the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

When our Lord knocked Saul of Tarsus off his horse, He asked Saul, "why are you persecuting me?" Jesus didn't say that Saul's persecution was similar to Saul hurting Him, but made clear that Saul was



Peter Kreeft speaks at the Rock Creek KofC Council in Bethesda

words "necessary" and "sufficient" are synonyms. They aren't. It is erroneous to focus on the spiritual to the exclusion of the physical, for the simple reason is that as human beings, we were created by God to be both spirit and body. We need to strategize in our own apostolates how we will go about this fight, for if we don't plan to succeed, we are planning to fail. Failure would mean that a society, we will continue to incur blood guilt, and babies will die without

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actually hurting Him – not figuratively, but actually. It is in the same way that Our Lord is injured every time a baby is brutally slaughtered via abortion. At the last judgment, we don't want to hear the words from Jesus, "this is what you did to me." Kreeft didn't say this, but we also don't want to hear the words, "you did not assist me" (Matt 25). That is why in our pro-life efforts we will never ever give up.

A question-and-answer period then followed. One gentleman asked him, "how do we turn around the culture entirely, so that sexual revolution is destroyed?" Kreeft

answered by remarking that Christianity is not a means for turning the culture around. Christianity's main focus is the saving of souls. Sainthood is the only weapon effective for destroying abortion. He then recommended that we all study Theology of the Body by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Here I will exercise my privilege as the Editor of this newsletter to take strong issue with Dr. Kreeft as he states that sanctity is the only weapon to destroy the culture of death. The problematic and erroneous word here is "only". No one doubts that our personal holiness and our prayers are absolutely necessary as we combat the culture of death. However, they are not sufficient by themselves. It seems to be an all-too-common error among good pro-lifers to believe that the

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benefit of baptism.

A young man, student at Catholic University, asked Kreeft how to deal with others who hold the issue of abortion to be equal with that of immigration or the death penalty. Kreeft answered by saying that the Church at no time held abortion to be a good. He reiterated that abortion is the direct deliberate killing of an innocent human being.

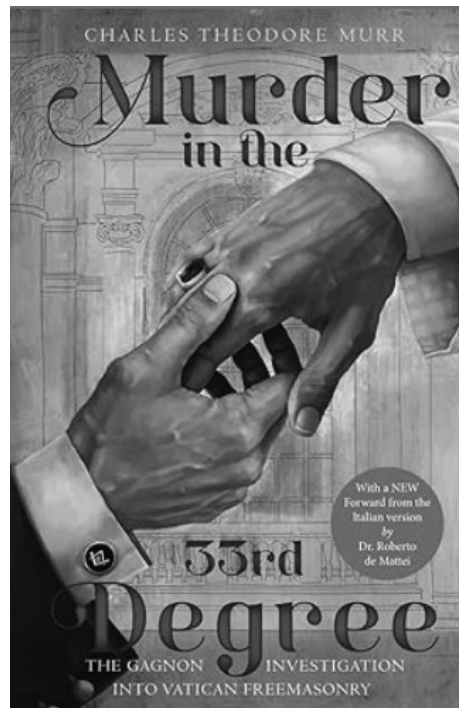
Dr. Kreeft had to leave rather early to catch a plane.

Book Review

Murder in The 33rd Degree by Msgr. Charles Theodore Murr

By Paula Medinger, BA French / Spanish, MA, Education

The results of the famous Gagnon investigation of the 1970s was a shock to many Catholics. Cardinal Benelli recommended Archbishop Edouard Gagnon as the expert for the job. Paul VI accepted him to investigate into the Roman Curia for the infiltration of Freemasonry. It is precisely Freemasonry and Gagnon's investigation that Fr. Murr addresses in his book *Murder in The 33rd Degree*. Whatever interpretation one prefers regarding the



against theft. His life was threatened on numerous occasions. Gagnon spent three years exclusively on the investigation, using Interpol, personal interviews, and hours of study in various archives. Fr. Murr shared meals with Gagnon, helped him collate papers, and drove him to and from meetings with Popes Paul VI, John Paul I, and John Paul II. This 'Era of The Three Popes' was a trying time for the Church, but also for Fr. Murr and his circle of friends. Gagnon, for example, faithfully presented his meticulous investigation to all three successive popes! Pope

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events surrounding Vatican II, observations by witnesses attest to inside manipulation. If there remain any doubts about 'the fact' of infiltration, Fr. Charles Murr closes all the gaps.

To read about the problems of the Church from a history book is one thing, but to read an historical narrative by someone who befriended major players in the Church from 1963 to 1984, leads to deeper understanding. Fr. Murr was a close

friend of Gagnon, living in a different room, but in the same guarded residence. His area was guarded by armed personnel because a Coptic prelate living there was accused of meddling in arms transfers during the Israeli-Syrian conflict. Fr. Murr also befriended Cardinals Benelli and Marino, who, familiar with the intricacies of Vatican politics, nevertheless sacrificed for the Church to be rid of Freemasonry and the influence of its creed.

The residential security generally served Gagnon well, as his work disturbed certain members of the hierarchy tied to Freemasonry. Despite the protection, Gagnon's room was ransacked and once again broken into. He regularly duplicated some of his work as insurance

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John Paul I, the only pope willing to act on Gagnon's findings, died of a heart attack after confrontation with an aggressive Masonic prelate. Fr. Murr explains that Pope Paul VI claimed he was too tired and wanted the task to be given to the next pope. But John Paul II was more interested in traveling than in 'housecleaning'. Despite papal inaction, the investigation initially took place be-

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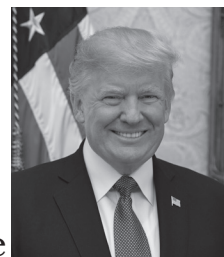
So much to tell since I last wrote. Here are a few my of thoughts.

Peter Kreeft, world famous author, spoke twice on January 17. Kreeft is the author of over **100** books on important topics. He is still teaching at age **87** at Boston College as well as continuing to surf in the Atlantic Ocean several times each summer. I was privileged to have him in his first year of teaching at Villanova in my third year there way back in 1961. I was in a class with less than enthusiastic **Education Majors**. Sadly, most of them became the future teachers and principals in our Catholic High Schools. Most could not have cared less about what this fantastic young teacher was teaching.

He spoke that afternoon at the **Catholic Information Center** in downtown DC to a group of about 80, not including online listeners. Thanks to Angelica Tom and Katie Ryan for arranging that talk followed by a book signing. That same evening, Peter spoke at Rock Creek Mansion in Bethesda to an audience of **220**, plus many others watching online. His topic was, **The Only Way the Abortion War Can Be Won**. Father Charles Sikorsky, LC, the president of Divine Mercy University, gave the invocation followed by an introduction of Kreeft by **Peter Kilpatrick**, the 16th President of Catholic University of America. Both are doing fantastic work at their respective universities. After Kreeft's talk, we had Father Sikorsky and Dr. Kilpatrick come back to say a few words about the good things that are happening at their schools. Kilpatrick spoke about the Law School where applications are up **60%**, and the Business School and the Nursing school where great things are also happening.

January 20, The Reinauguration of President Donald Trump

Matt Hutson, Chief of Staff, for long-time **Pro-Life friend Congressman Andy Harris**, received an amazing **12,000** requests for Inauguration tickets, but only had **200** available. Such was the clamor and enthusiasm for attending this historic event. Somehow, I was fortunate to get **3**: one was for my longtime friend Grace Sims, one for Marylou Rizzo whom I met at the Eucharistic Congress, and one for myself. As it turned out, the outside Inauguration event was canceled, probably due to security considerations. We did not have tickets for the **20,000** seat Capital One Center. And it was just as well, because many who had tickets did not get in. Instead, we were fortunate to go to the Hyatt Regency Hotel where we were able to watch the Inauguration on a **huge** 30 ft x 20 ft screen along with at least **200** wildly cheering enthusiastic Trump supporters. It was far better than being outside on the cold West Capitol Lawn. There was lots of shouting and applause during Trump's wonderful inauguration speech.



All the other events that accompanied the Inauguration were superb. I especially remember **Carrie Underwood** singing **America the Beautiful**, one of my favorite patriotic songs which I was taught by my wonderful first-grade teacher Florence Ainsley.

How classy it was when President Trump accompanied the Bidens to their helicopter departing from atop the Capitol Visitors Center. **It was a day when we were all so proud to be Americans!**

January 24 - 52nd Annual March for Life

I went by bus with a great group of PRO-LIFERS from Immaculate Conception and Christ the King in Towson, Maryland. My pastor **Father Rob Kirk**, a former United Methodist minister like my dear friend the late **Olga Fairfax**, was with us. This was my **52nd March for Life**. Several days before I was on **Relevant Radio** with Monsignor James Shea, President of University of Mary in Bismark, North Dakota mentioning this point — that **Catholics Need to get out of their Comfort Zone and get into the Battle to take back our Culture and End Abortion**. If I can do it at age **83**, what about so many other tens of thousands of Catholics???



At the March were huge crowds. I like to roam the crowd. This March began on the Ellipse, immediately behind the Trump White House. Here were my takeaways:

- Roughly two-thirds of those I encountered were well under 40.
- Inspiring talks were given, including ones by VP **J.D. Vance** and Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson**, **Congressman Chris Smith** and many others.
- Another high point was getting across an icy patch on the Ellipse. A Good Samaritan named **Martin Cannon**, Senior Counsel for the Thomas More Law Society came to assist me. I knew Martin by name from my dear friend Tom Brejcha, founder of Thomas More, but had never met him. Martin and his wife Chris, whom I also met, live in Omaha.
- **Priests for Life** had events before the March at **DAR Constitution Hall** including Mass and an Ecumenical Service. At the very end of the March, **Silent No More** had its annual ceremony where post-abortive women and men gave their heart-rending testimonies.
- Finally, the pardon of **23 Pro-Life** prisoners was announced by President Trump including my personal friends **Jon Darnell** and **Joan Andrews Bell**. Joan was actually at the March along with her husband Chris. The tireless Joan gave dozens of interviews.

January 25 – Cardinal O'Connor Conference for Life

- **620** persons mostly college students, pre-registered but many more seemed to be there.
- Keynote speaker was **Lila Rose** whom we hosted when she was still a teenager.
- Some other great talks were given on **IVF**, **Human Trafficking** plus a book in the final stages being written by a **Sister of Life** on John Cardinal O'Connor, their founder.
- **DEFEND LIFE** sponsored a table where we gave away **28** of our now famous T-shirts. Here are some happy recipients.



Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

P.S. Thank you to all who gave so generously to our **Christmas Matching Grant Campaign**. Because of **YOU**, we made our goal.

Pro-Life Misconceptions About President Trump

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, pro-life people have had reason to rejoice and give thanks to Our Lord for the outcome of the presidential election in November 2024. We needn't repeat what is already written. Some cautionary notes are in order – not because we fear disappointment, but because too many seem to be unaware of the legal and constitutional landscape of the United States of America.

Some people, including some of the pro-life prisoners just freed by Trump, express disappointment that Trump hasn't restored legal rights to the babies. The unspoken assumption seems to be that Trump's authority is akin to that of a benevolent dictator. Father Fidelis Moscinski, one of the released activists, had this to say:

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“Although it might be politically expedient to say that each state should

make its own laws about abortion, this position is morally incoherent. We invite President Trump to abandon this incoherence and show himself to be a president of all Americans — born and unborn.”

Father Moscinski is simply incorrect. Most homicide laws are on state books, not federal. That is why Trump's seeming lack of action isn't a mere matter of being “politically expedient”. If desire that abortion be prosecuted as any other crime of murder, we must be consistent with the legal/constitutional protocols necessary for such prosecution.

More importantly, President Trump is not a dictator who can rewrite law at will. The accomplishments that he is achieving are reversals of executive orders issued by his predecessor, or they are actions taken by virtue of being head of the Executive branch of Federal government. The United States of America is not a de facto monarchy. It isn't even a pure democracy, nor was it ever intended to be so by our founding fathers. Rather, the United States is a constitutional republic. That is to say that we are governed by our elected representatives, with powers granted by, and limited by, the United States Constitution.

Part and parcel of the United States Constitution is a concept known as division of powers, with checks and balances granted to each of the three branches of government. Thus, the President simply cannot nullify the FACE act. That was legislation crafted by the US Congress and signed into law by then-President Bill Clinton. The FACE act must be formally repealed by Congress, and that repeal must be ratified by the current president.

Those who insist that Trump (or

any other elected official) do “end-runs” around the constitution to end abortion will actually endanger babies in the future. Why? If end-runs and short cuts around the constitution are attempted by any elected official, that official will undermine the very legal framework that is the basis for his/her authority. Thus, any successor to that individual can most easily undo any extra-constitutional measures that Trump or anyone else might have attempted. Bear in mind that Trump is only the president. He is not some general, anointed from on high, who will usher in some idealistic age. Personally, I am of the mind that such an individual will never exist. If anyone wants to search out an individual to make needed changes, start by look-

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ing in the mirror.

As it is, President Trump has removed many obstacles to our attempts to protect children. He hasn't removed our obligations as Christians and United States citizens to stay engaged in our battle. We cannot sit on our laurels and pretend that Trump, or any select group of people, can win our battles for us. Let us now take advantage of our enhanced opportunities and get to work.

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of her family, all of whom were interviewed for Sr. DeDe's movie.

Recall how, almost 20 years ago, Terri Schindler Schiavo, a disabled woman, had her food and water withheld at the behest of her estranged husband and was murdered as a result. Her family and pro-life people all around rallied to her cause. However, the murderous husband had the local bishop, Robert Lynch of the Diocese of St. Peterburg, in his corner. While Terri was dying, he forbade his priests to minister to her. After her death he refused to allow the Schindlers to conduct a memorial service for her, but allowed Michael to marry his concubine in a Catholic Church. Oh, by the way – Lynch at the time was president of the board of Catholic Relief Services, heavily funded by George Soros. All this is to say

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So what are we to do? First, blind trust in Catholic institutions is not an option. Due care must be taken before committing ourselves and/or loved ones to their care. We need to be paying attention to what is happening in the Church around us. No more can we choose to be oblivious to events happening outside our individual spheres of existence.



Sister Philip Marie Burle, RIP

When we become aware of such travesties happening in Catholic institutions, what are we to do?

- We must not only pray, but we must raise protest to the local bishop, and do so publicly
- We must hold accountable not only the institutions, but the individual medical professionals who administered the drugs, gave DNR orders, etc. They took their oaths as individuals and cannot hide behind their employers, anymore than Nazi prison guards could hide behind Adolf Hitler. Call them out by name, publicly.
- Picket the institutions, and the individual personnel.
- Warn friends and families to do research before they make any arrangements to commit themselves or loved ones to the care and custody of these facilities.

When the full movie comes out, we will advise our readers. Mean-

In Loving Memory
Sister Philip Marie C.PP.S.
 September 21, 1933 – April 4, 2022

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Prayer Against Euthanasia

Lord Jesus, as you hung upon the cross, gazing with such mercy upon those who mercilessly crucified you, you cried out, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Heavenly Father, please give me the pierced heart of your Son so that I, like Sr. Philip Marie, might forgive and pray for a change of heart in those who choose death over life for our elderly and vulnerable brothers and sisters.

AMEN

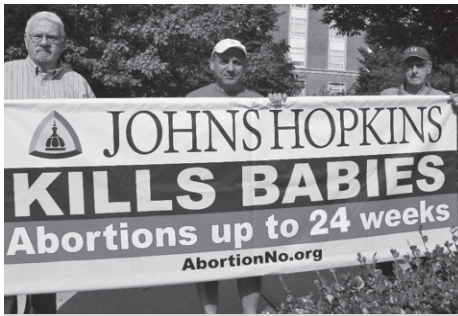
Acts 18
 Luke 1: 46-55

while, please bear these statements from the Catechism of the Catholic Church in mind.

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"Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Thus, an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder." *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2277.

"Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted." *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2279



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cause Pope Paul VI was tormented over the path of Vatican II. Below are events described by Fr. Murr:

His Holiness, Pope Paul VI delivered a sermon that immediately captured the attention of millions, both Catholic and non-Catholic. Lamenting the chaotic state of the Vatican II Church, the pontiff declared: "Through some fissure, the smoke of Satan has entered the Temple of God." A couple of years later, two highly respected Cardinals - Cardinal Staffa and Cardinal Oddi - met privately with Pope Paul and placed before him documentation of a very damning nature - indicating exactly where in the temple wall His Holiness might find that fissure. Fr. Murr explains that Gagnon's portfolio would provide solid proof of Masonic memberships among the hierarchy as well as connections to other secret societies. The two main figures who greatly harmed the Church were Baggio and Bugnini.

"If Sebastiano Baggio was 'the Freemason Ambassador to the Holy See', the havoc he was in a position to wreak upon the universal Church could cause irreparable damage. The bishops who had been nominated on his watch reflected the "Baggio Boys". They were self-styled "progressives" who were opposed to the central authority of Rome, all too ready to jettison theological orthodoxy in the name of 'aggiornamento' and "dialogue" with the world. They argued that this trend was supported by the values of the creed of Freemasonry that Cardinal

Baggio covertly espoused."

As for Bishop Bugnini, Secretary of the Congregation of Divine Worship and undersecretary in the Congregation for Rites, his Freemason attachment could explain the radical liturgical revolution taking place in the Catholic Church: "The implementation of the directives of the Second Vatican Council had patently gone far beyond the stated intentions of the Council fathers, and indeed at times actually contradicted them. Venerable rites, customs, and devotional practices that had been safeguarded and passed on for centuries were simply swept aside. Several members of the Committees formed under Archbishop Bugnini, who had served as experts under the Council, came to repent and regret their involvement in the work of liturgical reform. As he watched the machinations of Bugnini, one of these theologians, Fr. Louis Bouyer, came to the conclusion that the man was "as bereft of culture as he was of basic honesty." Bugnini's Masonic membership could certainly explain much that was going drastically wrong in the Church, liturgically, doctrinally, and morally."

Paul VI demoted Bugnini to a position in Iran, but Baggio continued many years in his role of recommending liberal bishops for nomination. Gagnon returned to his missionary work in Columbia. Sadly, today no one knows the whereabouts of Gagnon's voluminous portfolio. Is 'murder in the 33rd degree' the harm of Freemasonry to the Church, or the demise of John Paul I? May the reader discern!

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Olga Fairfax – *Requiescat In Pace*

On Thursday November 21, 2024, between 5:30 - 6:30pm, a massive fire started suddenly in the Wheaton MD home of Olga Fairfax, a long-time indefatigable pro-life activist. She was trapped inside and herself caught fire. She managed to stagger outside where first responders tried to assist her. However, she soon succumbed to her injuries and passed away.

I've known Olga through many years of being with her in front of abortuaries, in various pickets and in other pro-life events. However, she was active in the pro-life movement long before I was. Her parents were Christian but not Catholic. In her early adulthood, she was an ordained Methodist minister, but soon found herself at odds with that church hierarchy, for they were officially embracing both abortion and the various homosexual perversions. In 1978, she resigned her post as associate pastor of Glenmont Methodist Church in Wheaton.

She did start a pro-life group within the Methodist church. While researching material for this post, I discovered that while still a leader of Methodists for Life, she helped 30 women, seeking abortions at Columbia Hospital, to choose life for her children. This I learned from a Washington Post article in 1985, approximately 39 years ago.

As I said earlier, I worked with her most frequently in front of abortion mills, particularly in front of the Planned Parenthood (now closed) on Spring Street in Silver Spring. She was not at all shy or demure about chiding the deathscorts or pro-abortion passers-by. I can still hear her saying to them, "only big babies are pro-choice!" or "why don't you pick on someone your own size?"

She was not at all shy about confronting clergy who were not-so-secretly pro-abortion, or, at best, indifferent to it. She told me of an encounter with the now-disgraced ex-cardinal Theodore McCarrick, when the latter offered a Saturday evening Mass at St. Catherine Laboure in Wheaton. I forget now just what the topic of Olga's complaint was, but after Mass, she waited until McCarrick left the church and headed for the rectory. The parish priest saw her and tried to usher McCarrick quickly to the rectory to avoid Olga, but to no avail. Olga walked right along with them, trying to get a reply from McCarrick, chasing him to the rectory door.

In June 2010, several of us protested the commencement ceremony where Sr Carol Keehan gave the convocation address. She is a supposed sister who was instrumental in convincing several Catholic congressmen to vote for Obamacare. We saw that McCarrick was there to offer the Mass. Olga again let McCarrick hear some truth. By the way - we found out, years later, that in 2010 McCarrick was under orders by the now-deceased Pope Benedict XVI not to make any public appearances. So not only was he honoring a pro-abort nun, he was thumbing his nose at the reigning pontiff at the time.

She still continued to maintain a presence at abortuaries, even after she was assaulted in July 2023. Her last appearance, as far as I know, was her participation in the 2024 Face the Truth Tour sponsored by Defend Life.

Let us pray for her eternal repose, and consolation for her family. Let us all emulate her tenacity. She, no doubt, is praying for us.



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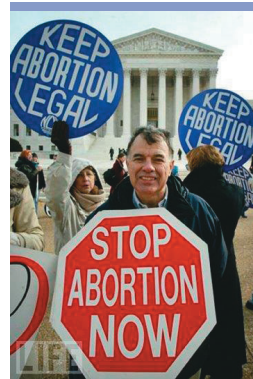
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