



# DEFEND LIFE

*Proclaiming the Culture of Life and Fighting the Culture of Death since 1987*

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

Much has happened since I wrote you in August and many good things are about happen in November. Let me tell you about some of them.

♥ First, we have a new database manager. His name is **Joe Healy** and he is a Coast Guard Officer and computer professional at Coast Guard Headquarters in DC. I met Joe this summer. Long time pro-life activist **Lois Nejfelt** suggested he call me. Joe is also the pro-life chairman in the **Patapsco K of C Council**. When we met, we talked about two ways to promote more pro-life activity.



The first was to have his Patapsco Council host Defend Life speakers. So far, **Barry Sullivan** is scheduled to speak there on October 26. We will also have Defend Life Lectures scheduled there during January, February and March. Secondly, we talked about doing more leafleting to better spread the pro-life message. Joe mentioned the 4th of July Catonsville parade would be passing by the his K of C Council and we could easily set a literature table on the front lawn. This we did. Joe, his wife Michele, and several other persons participated. **Grand Knight John O'Dower** was very pleased with our efforts which featured *rubberized* pre-born babies at various stages of development. These *life-like babies* are always a hit and we can't use too often. Children love to pick them up and hold them.



♥ I was devastated last June when **Cookie Harris** told me for good reason she could no longer organize Defend Life Lecture Tours. But God never closes a door without opening another, especially when we *ask and knock* repeatedly. **Mary Anne Czapla**, the head of the pro-life group at St. Joseph's in Fullerton, responded and did a great job of lining up speaking engagements for our first two speakers, **Paul Schenck** and **Barry Sullivan**.

♥ On Tuesday, September 6, I went to the Supreme Court for the public viewing of our late **Chief Justice William Rehnquist**. What an honor to be there. It was my first visit ever inside the Supreme Court. Needless to say, I've been on the outside many times participating in pro-life demonstrations. Let me tell you why I am very confident William Rehnquist will go down in history as one of America's greatest Chief Justices.



- First, he was one of only two dissenters in the infamous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision and he never wavered in the following 32 years from his pro-life position.

- In cases where his fellow Justices were ignoring the Constitution and finding new rights in its *penumbra*, Chief Justice Rehnquist would write sardonically in his minority opinions, almost chiding his fellow justices.

- After his thyroid cancer became public about a year ago, Rehnquist was out taking his daily noon-time walk. It just so happened that **Paul Schenck**, of the **National Center for Pro-Life Action** which has its office right behind the Supreme Court, was also taking a noon-time walk that day. He was escorting a group of students from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on a tour of Capitol Hill. This group was actually walking around the Supreme Court nine times (very Biblical!) praying for Chief Rehnquist and his Associate Justices. **Bill Rehnquist** saw this group of students and inquired what they were doing. **When they told him they were praying for him, he gratefully joined them in prayer!**

- He had humble roots and remained humble all his life. He was the son of a salesman and a stay-at-home mother. He was the grandson of immigrants.

- The Rehnquists owned a home in Vermont where they spent their summers when the Court was out of session. A recent AP story quoted a former trash hauler recounting a phone call from Associate Justice Rehnquist back in the 1970's that went like this, *Hi, Mike, this is Bill Rehnquist. I'm a summer person. Are you still collecting rubbish?*

- Back in 1977, four years after *Roe v. Wade*, **Michael Manning**, a law student at the University of Kansas in Topeka, wrote to Rehnquist brassily asking him to write an article for the *Law Review* and to come to Topeka to deliver it. Surprisingly, Rehnquist accepted. When Manning went to the airport to pick up Rehnquist, he expected to spot someone in a three-piece Brooks Brothers suit. Instead, he brushed off a peppy person who wore a wrinkled trench coat, desert

books, and a pulled down fishing hat. That pesty person turned out to be Bill Rehnquist. During his stay in Topeka, Rehnquist visited a local bar, ate hamburgers, and told great jokes and great stories to the delight of all those present. Most had no idea who he was.

• **William Rehnquist** was a great person because he was a simple person. Unlike most Washingtonians, he did not posture; he wasn't full of himself! **What you saw is what you got.** He even drove a small, plain, inexpensive car. He maintained this beautiful simplicity even in death. His mortal remains were laid in a simple unfinished pine coffin. Let us pray that **John Roberts** and all of us may follow this great American's example!

♥ On Friday afternoon, September 9, we had a **Mini-GAP** display at DuPont Circle in Washington. We were joined by the **Survivors**, a group of students from Southern California who do great pro-life evangelization. Visit [www.survivors.la](http://www.survivors.la). We were greeted with great hostility. One homosexual on a bike kept shouting into the ear of a high school student Survivor who tried repeatedly but couldn't get away from this obviously evil person. Nowhere is the **Culture of Death** any more prevalent in America than in Washington, D.C.



♥ Our first autumn lecture tour was a success. The incomparable **Paul Schenck** spoke four times between September 28 and September 30 on **EATING OUR CHILDREN: What's Wrong With Embryonic Stem Cell Research**. You can get a free tape or CD of two different versions of this great talk by visiting [www.defendlife.org](http://www.defendlife.org) and clicking on **RESOURCES**.

♥ On October 10, **Ginny Schuster**, mother of 10 and grandmother of 54, and I attended the outstanding National Day of Prayer and Fasting at the National Shrine in Washington. We talked with the great **Bud MacFarlane, Sr.**, who insisted that **Defend Life** is the most outstanding local pro-life group in America...*we agree!*. We also met longtime pro-lifer **Isabelle Fox** who now lives in Southern Maryland. Her daughter, **Sr. Mary Michael Fox, O.P.**, a Dominican Sister of Nashville, is now teaching at a Catholic school in Denver. She recently escorted a group of students to World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.

♥ We also met **Marion Wegaman** from Huntsville, Texas, the home of Sam Houston State University, which has 13,000 students. She told us about **David Bereit**, an Evangelical activist from Texas, who implemented a brilliant strategy to keep a Planned Parenthood Death Camp out of Huntsville. The really good news is that David Bereit is now working for **Judie** and **Paul Brown** at American Life League in nearby Stafford, Virginia. We look forward to networking closely with David and learning from his success stories. Don't be surprised if we have David Bereit on a Defend Life Lecture Tour real soon.



♥ On Sunday, October 2, **Cathy Roth**, founder of Youth For Life and one of Maryland's greatest pro-life activists and I flew to Chicago for the 25th anniversary of Joe Scheidler's Pro-Life Action League. It was an honor to be there to honor Joe! **Father Frank Pavone** of Priests for Life gave the invocation, **Fr. Tom Eutenauer** of Human Life International gave the benediction. **Drew Mariani**, whose Catholic talk radio show airs on 28 stations across America, was the outstanding keynote speaker. **Jerry Horn**, of Priests For Life, was masterful as the Master of Ceremonies.



## UPCOMING NOVEMBER PRO-LIFE EVENTS

**Tuesday, November 8, 6:15-7:45 PM**, **Christopher West** speaking at Mahan Hall, U.S. Naval Academy (*see flyer*)

**Monday, November 14, 4-6 PM.**, **Bishops Have More Backbone Face the Truth Tour**, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, DC. (*See ad on back page of this newsletter*)

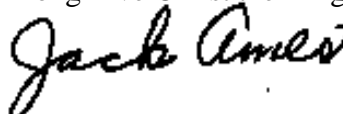
**Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 PM**, **Molly Kelly & Mark Houck** (the M&M Chastity Team) will speak at St. John Neuman in Gaithersburg, MD. On **Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 PM**, at St. Joseph's (Fullerton) in Perry Hall, MD, Molly Kelly & Mark Houck will speak again on **CHASTITY: The New Sexual Revolution** (*see flyer for details*)

Please give, give generously, and encourage others to give to **Defend Life** by telling them about the great work we do. Remember, your friends are most certainly not going to read about **Defend Life** in the **Baltimore Sun**, **Washington Post**, or sadly, even the **Catholic Review**. We are much too politically incorrect for that.

**YOU MUST be our goodwill ambassadors and tell them about us!**

*Finally, consider becoming a bulk newsletter distributor.* See ad on page 15. It's an easy way to spread the good news about **Defend Life!** And thanks for all your generosity to us plus all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion. **Remember, Our Lord is never outdone in generosity!**

Long Live Christ the King,



Jack Ames, P.E., Director