

Baltimore's first Catholic radio station launches at St. Benedict's

Fr. Paschal Morlino was giving a retreat for some Benedictine nuns in Rio Grande City, Texas, in 2013 when he learned that three of the sisters were operating a radio station.

The Benedictine priest was stunned.

"Here were three sisters operating a Catholic radio station in southern Texas—in the middle of nowhere—while there was no Catholic radio station in the entire city of Baltimore!" he exclaimed.

When he got back home, Morlino, the pastor of St. Benedict Church in southwest Baltimore, set up a "radio team" of parishioners to see what could be done.

"We were in luck," said Father: In 2013 the Federal Communications Commission was opening up new spots on the FM radio dial.

"This happens pretty rarely that the FCC opens up low-powered stations," said Station Manager Cody Barber; "there are only so many stops on the dial."

Parishioner Tom Basil put the radio team in touch with an attorney knowledgeable in the field of obtaining radio broadcast licensing.

"There was great competition for the license," said Father. "We were competing with Johns Hopkins and Loyola University. But we lucked out.



Father Paschal Morlino and Station Manager Cody Barber display the transmitter racks at their new radio station, WVTO, in Baltimore.

"After about four years of negotiations, we worked out an agreement with two other entities; each of us got eight hours a day. We asked the FCC for morning hours we thought the morning commute time would be the best."

The FCC gave its approval and a go-ahead to build a station on August 28, 2016.

WVTO 92.7 FM officially launched its inaugural live broadcast on March 4. The station currently operates from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily.

The two entities that were

awarded the remaining two 8-hour time slots have not begun broadcasting yet.

"It's a long, drawn-out process," Morlino observed, "a very complicated affair."

WVTO's radio signal, according to the FCC, has a 6-mile radius from its operating station at St. Benedict's Parish Hall, "but in reality it's not quite that large," said the priest—"especially north, because the buildings block the signal.

"But it's very good on I-95, and

Md. library hosts raunchy sex class for kids Security check point blocks all adults from entry to class

By Georgia Kijesky

On May 21, despite vigorous opposition from the community, Lexington Park Library in St. Mary's County, Md., facilitated a graphic sex workshop for minors only.

Dozens of local and state police were on hand, barricades installed and a security check point inside the library was put in place to ensure parents and adults were blocked from attending the sexually explicit workshop.

One adult woman who was trying to enter the class was arrested and charged with trespassing.

The workshop was conducted by Bianca Palmisano, a self-described lesbian, pole-dancer and "sex geek" who promotes a sex toy shop and advocates for the legalization of prostitution.

Lexington Park Library had cancelled a similar workshop by Palmisano scheduled for March 4 after a huge public outcry.

After the cancellation, Palmisano performed a periscope video of the class on March 6, dedicated to Southern Maryland citizens.

In it, she states: "The anus is where fingers and penises potentially go in." She says that "bunches" of lubrication would be distributed and "highly recommends water-based lube for sex toys and anal play."

Palmisano was a keynote speaker for "Slutwalk" 2103, where she promoted The Garden, the sex toy shop with which she is affiliated, saying that there, "polyamorous



St. Mary's County police officers stand at the entrance to Lexington Park Library during a graphic sex workshop for minors only.

leather dykes could hang out with kinky bisexuals and couples compare notes with lifelong swingers, and still welcome those just beginning to explore their sexuality.... We bring in experts to talk about blow jobs, threesomes, and rough sex."

The Southern Maryland Area Secular Humanists rented the library room for the May 21 class.

"People have rented our meeting rooms. As long as they follow our policies, anybody can rent our rooms," said Carolyn Guy, president of the St. Mary's County Library Board of Trustees, according to an April 28 article in *The Enterprise*.

While the Lexington Park Library (LPL) director and Board of Trustees currently assert that they do not endorse this class or support Palmisano's views, this horrible event is not an accident.

She was invited to LPL by library officials who contacted her and encouraged her to come and present this sexually explicit material to our children.

With this May 21 class, the Maryland Public Library system has set a precedent. Rest assured, it will be coming to your library.

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Help the mom, save the baby, says Sidewalk Advocates for Life

Brad, a sidewalk advocate for life, is unflappable.

Once, outside an abortion facility in St. Louis, recalled Lauren Muzyka, the pro-lifer was waving happily and calling out "Hi!" to everyone going by.

"A guy driving past gave him the finger," said Lauren. "But Brad is so full of joy, he just smiled back and waved at the guy."

The driver, annoyed and a little confused, stopped his car, rolled down the window and informed Brad, "Hey dude, I'm flicking you off!"

The pro-lifer maintained his cheerful mien. "That's right, you give it all to Jesus!" he told the bewildered would-be foe.

"No one could steal his joy," explained Lauren; "he knows he's on the winning team!"

Muzyka, executive director of the Texas-based Sidewalk Advocates for Life, told Brad's story at a sidewalk advocacy training workshop on May 13 at Saints Philip and James Church in Baltimore.

During the intensive, four-hour workshop, sponsored by Defend Life, about 30 Maryland and Washington, D.C., pro-lifers learned Sidewalk Advocates for Life's peaceful, prayerful methods for reaching out and helping abortion-minded women and men going into an abortion facility.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life is a relatively new pro-life organization, Muzyka told the pro-lifers.

"I'm an attorney, a graduate of Ave Maria University School of Law; but I got swept off into prolife activism by [40 Days for Life leader] David Bereit. I've been doing this for 17 years!"



Mark Tyrrell (left) talks about sidewalk counseling with Jack Ames at the Sidewalk Advocates for Life training session in Baltimore.

During her counseling work, she said, "We found that some sidewalk counselors would get discouraged and fizzle out. So we studied sidewalk methodology: what was working?"

The answer, they found, was to save the unborn baby by reaching out to the mother and responding to her needs.



Kate Hunter and her son Gabriel enjoy a break during Sidewalk Advocates for Life's training session.

"You have to figure out why she's there—why she wants an abortion. If we help the mother, the baby will come along with her."

Launching on April 1, 2014, with 12 locations, SAFL has grown to 112 locations worldwide, with 100 of them in the U.S.

"This method is working!" said Muzyka. "In three years, we have had almost 1,300 baby saves and 365 'hopefuls' [clients who take literature or give other indications that they may keep their baby]. Six abortion clinics have closed since we started, and 43 abortion workers have left."

SAFL is a faith-based program, Lauren emphasized: "We plant the seeds; it is God who waters them and brings fruit."

Lauren, who is Catholic, noted that the group is "Protestants and Catholics working together. Prayer is everything.

"If you can go to Mass before counseling, that's a game-changer," she added. "Once, when I went to a Dallas late-term facility, I felt so illequipped; I was 45 minutes late and my partner wasn't there. But I prayed to the Holy Spirit. The next two clients I talked to chose life—the Holy Spirit interceded on my behalf!

"The pro-abortion people will do everything they can to stop you," she cautioned. "In Texas, they once put manure on the public right-ofway where we usually stand; they claimed it was fertilizer!"

She also described a not-sofunny incident, in Austin, Texas, in which a mother was dragging her daughter into the abortion clinic by her hair.

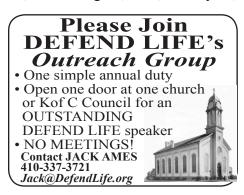
Pro-lifers need to be aware that, at its core, this is a spiritual battle, she warned.

Almost crying in Annapolis

The May 13 workshop capped a four-day tour, co-organized by Defend Life Director Jack Ames and Kate Hunter, who is SAFL's local director for Berwyn Heights, Md.

"I got hundreds of requests for training, so we put together this tour for the Maryland-D.C. area," explained Hunter, who leads sidewalk advocacy at the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic near College Park, Md.

The tour included community meetings and prayers at abortion facilities in Germantown, Md., on May 10; in Washington, D.C., on May 11,



and in Annapolis on May 12.

While praying in the rain outside an abortion clinic in Annapolis, Lauren and SAFL's Northern Program coordinator, Susan O'Neill, were approached by a passerby who was avidly pro-abortion. "We talked for 30 minutes," Lauren recalled. "At the end, she was almost crying, admitting she was pro-life."

The key to all of SAFL's sidewalk advocacy work, whether to a passerby or a mother going in for an abortion, is love, she emphasized.

"You can have the most perfect things to say, but if she doesn't feel that we love her, it won't get through to her. If we say the most simple things in love, we will move mountains."

Mom—Baby—God

Lauren offered other time-tested advice for sidewalk advocates:

- Be peaceful and calm. You'll turn her off if you're agitated.
- Be unconditionally accepting. "You will be walking up to some people that your mother told you to stay away from! But don't judge a book by its cover; this person has been made in the image and likeness of God."
- Be humble. "You are doing this for the glory of God, not to win a popularity contest."

She also pointed out mistakes to avoid:

- Do not yell out, "Don't kill your baby!" That just turns her off; her reaction is, "You don't know me or my problems!"
- Do not talk among yourselves needlessly. "We're at a modern-day Calvary; we don't want a woman's memories as

she goes into the clinic to be of two counselors laughing or gabbing."

• Do not dress in pro-life t-shirts or hats. "Sometimes people go out looking like a pro-life billboard! We want to be someone they can relate to."

The Sidewalk Advocates for Life program can be summed up as a three-step approach:

- 1. Mom—First, find out why she wants an abortion; then offer solutions to help meet her needs, often in alliance with a nearby pregnancy resource center.
- 2. Baby—After she sees that you care about her and her problems, she will be more open to talking with you about the life of her unborn baby.
- 3. God—When you have established some rapport with her, ask her if she believes in God or goes to church; if she does, you can bring Christ into the conversation.

Good sidewalk counseling is extremely effective, said Lauren: "Former Planned Parenthood clinic manager Abby Johnson said that when there's peaceful sidewalk counseling at an abortion clinic, the cancellation rate is as high as 70%."

If you sidewalk counsel, Lauren assured pro-lifers, "You *will* be persecuted, you *will* have people refuse to hear your message; but you will also change hearts and minds with God's grace!"

SAFL provides the training, tools and support to communities that want to utilize their sidewalk advocacy program. For more information see sidewalkadvocates.org.

Shroud of Turin tells riveting story of Christ's Passion

In 1898, Secondo Pia, an Italian lawyer and amateur photographer, got permission from the King of Savoy to photograph, for the first time ever, the Shroud of Turin, reputed to be the burial cloth of the crucified Christ.

Photography was a complex, laborious process in 1898.

"The camera had only been out for about 50 years," Shroud lecturer Bill Wingard told a standing roomonly audience packed into St. Benedict Church in Johnstown, Pa., on March 26.

Pia's first attempt to photograph the Shroud was a disaster. Since there was no electricity in Turin Cathedral, Pia had brought in a portable generator and set up two electric lamps.

"His generator blows up, his camera lens is cracked," said Wingard. The next night, Pia made another attempt and got a few more exposures of the burial cloth.

"He had to hold the shutter open for 14 minutes to get the picture!"

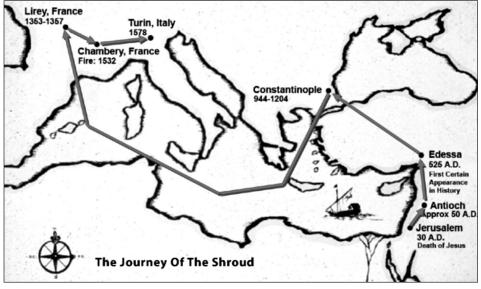


Jesus' image on the Shroud of Turin tells us a lot about His Passion, says Bill Wingard.

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At around midnight, Pia went down to the basement of the apartment where he was staying to develop the photographic plates.

"When he pulls the plate out of the chemical solution, his knees start to buckle," said Wingard. "Tears



Historians have traced the Shroud of Turin over the centuries from Jerusalem in 30 A.D. to Turin, Italy in 1578.

roll down his cheeks."

The image of a man's body on the actual burial shroud was barely visible to the naked eye; the face of that image was even less discernible.

But now, the stunned photographer viewed a photographic negative that clearly showed the face of a tortured man as if it were a positive photo.

"Secondo Pia launched an era that I call the Shroud Explosion," said Wingard—an era of intensive scientific research and study on a historical artifact that has no parallel.

Wingard, who holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Xavier University in Cincinnati, became interested in the Shroud in 1980 and started giving talks on it after he left the family metal stamping company in 2013.

His March 26 talk, delivered to a rapt audience of several hundred, focused on three topics:

- 1. The history of the Shroud: How did it travel from a tomb in Jerusalem to Turin, Italy?
- 2. The science of the Shroud: Is it the real thing or not?
- 3. The message of the Shroud: What does it tell us about the Passion of Christ?

"We think the Shroud went from Jerusalem to Antioch first," said Wingard. A lot of Christian artifacts went to Antioch, where St. Peter was bishop for two years, to keep them safe, because the Jewish people wanted to obliterate all references to Jesus, he explained.

From there it went to Edessa in Turkey in 626 A.D.

In 944 A.D. the Emperor of Constantinople took 50,000 troops

to get it from the Muslims.

Rather than wage battle, however, Emperor Romanos negotiated peacefully for the Shroud.

The Shroud stayed in Constantinople until 1204 A.D., "when the Knights Templar decided to wipe out the city," said Wingard.

It disappeared for 150 years, finally showing up in Lirey, France, in 1353, where Geoffrey de Charny displayed it in a church and charged money.

The Shroud was passed on to his daughter Margaret, then to the House of Savoy in 1453, which, after touring with it throughout Europe, placed it in a chapel in Chambéry, France.

"On December 4, 1532, the place catches on fire," said Wingard. "They throw water on the Shroud.

"The Poor Clare nuns stitched patches over the damaged parts, but the image survived; basically, the image is intact-that's a miracle in itself!"

In 1578 the Shroud was moved to the Guarini Chapel in Turin, Italy.

"Hitler wanted it, so it was hidden in a Benedictine monastery in Montevergine, Italy, from 1939-'46," said Wingard.

In 1946 it was returned to Turin.

The following year, arsonists attacked the chapel.

"The people of Turin were panic-stricken!" said Wingard. "A fireman saved the Shroud at the risk of his own life. It was untouched-another miracle!"

The Shroud is currently housed in Turin's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

'A scourged, crucified man'

Secondo Pia's amazing photo of the Shroud had many detractors.

"For 30 years, everybody thought



Spectators snap pictures of the photo of the Shroud of Turin after Bill Wingard's talk at St. Benedict Church.

the negative," Wingard noted.

Then Dr. Pierre Barbet, a French physician and surgeon, wrote a book, A Doctor at Calvary, defending the burial cloth's authenticity.

"He said, 'I'm a forensic guy; I see dead bodies all the time. There's no way this could be a fraud; this is absolutely the image of a scourged and crucified man," said Wingard.

In 1978 a team of U.S. and British researchers were permitted to examine and perform extensive tests on the Shroud for five consecutive days and nights.

"Practically none of them were Christians," said Wingard. "They were Jewish, atheists, agnosticsbut they knew their craft.

"They were guys from IBM, Lockheed Martin, Los Alamos-all the big labs in the country sent their top guys."

Barrie Schwortz, a former Disney photographer who was the team's official documenting photographer, told Wingard, "I didn't sleep for five days and five nights—it was the chance of a lifetime!"

In 1981 the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP) team finally reported: "We conclude for now

he was a fraud—that he had doctored that the Shroud image is that of a real human form of a scourged, crucified man. It is not the product of an artist. The blood stains are composed of hemoglobin and also give a positive test for serum albumin."

> How was the image produced? That, the STURP team said, "remains now, as it has in the past, a mystery."

> In 1988, scientists from Oxford, Zurich and Arizona conducted radiocarbon dating tests on a sample strip from the Shroud to determine the relic's authenticity.

> "They declared that it dated from the Middle Ages-that it was a fraud," said Wingard.

> In 2005, however, American chemist Raymond Rogers, a STURP team member, concluded that the radiocarbon sample used for dating was not part of the original Shroud but instead, was taken from patches sewn on by the Poor Clare nuns.

> Nine researchers from the Los Alamos National Laboratory further validated Rogers' findings.

> "What does the Shroud tell us about the Passion of Christ?" Wingard asked.

Forestville Center saves babies with sonograms, lots of help

By Bob Brown

Forestville Pregnancy Center sits tucked away in a narrow, Jshaped suite on the ground floor of a small medical building at 3611 Branch Avenue in Temple Hills, a stone's throw from the Washington D.C., line in Prince Georges County, Md.

But its impact on the community is sizeable. For thirty years, FPC, an affiliate of Heartbeat International, has taken on the problems particular to the low-income communities that it serves.

Executive Director Gwen Uyenco told me, when I visited the center on May 19, that most of FPC's clients live within a six-mile radius of the center's location—in Clinton, Ft. Washington, Oxon Hills, and nearby neighborhoods.

(Founded in 1983, Forestville Pregnancy Center takes its name from its original location; a gas explosion at its former building more than ten years ago forced FPC to relocate.)

Characteristic of the region's demographics, many of FPC's clients are undocumented immigrants. Providentially, Spanish speakers number among the center's six staff and 25-plus volunteers.

Uyenco noted, however, that FPC's greatest challenge isn't overcoming language barriers but caring for homeless clients. She said that about two of the pregnant women who come to the center each month don't have a place to live.

To find these women safe housing during their pregnancies and for a period thereafter, FPC partners with the Gabriel Network, The Northwest Center, and other area maternity homes.

Second to prayer, the most effective tool the pro-life movement has is the sonogram machine. Wellestablished research shows that



While ultrasound technician Lara Standiford (right) looks on, Julie Diaz and her partner, Derin Cox, beam with joy after seeing their baby on a sonogram at Forestville Pregnancy Center.



Volunteer Vivian Bridges does phone counseling at Forestville Pregnancy Center.

most abortion-vulnerable women who see a sonogram of their preborn child reject abortion.

While not every pregnancy center has the resources to offer sonograms, FPC does—and does it ever!

FPC has four sonographers on staff to handle the 160 sonograms that the center performs each year. They offer (free of charge, of course) abdominal sonograms for women whose preborn babies are between 8 and 14 weeks old, and recently began offering transvaginal sonograms at 6 weeks.

On average, more than forty women come through FPC's doors each month for private counseling, parenting classes, sonograms, and material assistance.

Besides providing diapers and baby clothes to clients at no cost, FPC—officially called Forestville Pregnancy Center at Marlow Heights—furnishes each woman who gives birth a "layette box" packed with all new items for the



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Dear Friend of DEFEND LIFE,

Believe it or not, it's time for our 17th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour, July 24 -28.



Once again, we plan three major stops, five days in a row, exposing the ugly hidden face of abortion. In addition to Maryland, we plan to visit West Virginia and Washington, D.C. where we will go to the **White House**. Visit **DefendLife.org** for the 15 locations and times. Addresses will be posted later.

We refused to back down on **August 1, 2008** when **18** of us were illegally arrested by the Maryland State Police. It was like Nazi Germany! We were proved right by a **\$385,000** settlement with the Maryland State Police, who

had violated our First and Fourth Amendment rights. But, none of this would have ever been possible without faithful and ever generous supporters like YOU!

Why Do We Continue to do Face the Truth Tours after all These Years!

Fr. Frank Pavone of **Priests for Life** says it best when he states that **Until Americans see abortion, Americans will not reject abortion !** It's that simple! Our victim images cut through the media and academia blackout on abortion. **Only in America** do we have the **First Amendment** right to show pictures of our aborted brothers and sisters. **Obama** and the **Pro-Aborts** would love to have taken that right away from us, but we would fight them to our death just as we did back in 2008!



I urge you to **save these JULY 24-28 dates** and to actively participate in as many stops as possible. We also need urgently more Core Team members. Core Team members go with us 5 days to all 15 stops, 3 each day. Each day we have Holy Mass, a great luncheon speaker, and wonderful camaraderie.

Who can be a CORE TEAM member? Anyone who is passionately **PRO-LIFE**, can hold a sign, and will be at least age 15 by this September. Those younger than 15 can still come if they **stay glued** to an older sibling or a parent. As of this writing, we have **14** signed up. We need at least **16** more. Please contact Julie Smith **540-974-3983** <u>Julie@DefendLife.org</u> or Missy Smith **202-237-1966** <u>Missy@DefendLife.org</u> to sign up. We furnish everything including meals and overnight housing. We are also **need several adult drivers**.

Finally, we also need your generous financial support. **We need to raise \$16,000 just as we did last year.** Believe it or not, there are substantial expenses including air fare for some speakers, **\$1,800** for the Truth Tour Truck from Ohio, **\$2,000** for our beautiful PRO-LIFE

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T-shirts, **\$1,600** for bus rentals, **\$2,000** for radio ads on **Rush Limbaugh's** local affiliates, fuel for our vehicles, stipends for our Director and Recruiters, and lots of other expenses.

The good news is that several generous donors once again have promised to match your donations **\$ for \$ up to a total of \$8,000**. To qualify for this matching grant, please send your donation **TODAY!** It must be dated **no later than August 1**. So please give, give generously and urge others to give. **Remember, our Good and Gracious God is never outdone in generosity!** Please use the enclosed envelope, or you can donate online at *DefendLife.org*. Remember, all donations are **tax deductible**!

Larry Hogan, Sr. RIP

Larry Hogan, Sr., went to his eternal reward on April 20. Earlier that day I spoke by phone to his dear brother Bill Hogan, M.D. Bill reminisced about his brother Larry. Both Larry Hogan, Sr. and Bill Hogan, M.D. are great heroes of the **PRO-LIFE** movement.

The Hogans were born in a very blue collar neighborhood in East Boston during the heart of the Depression, Larry in 1928 and Bill 6 years later in 1934. Larry was delighted to have a younger brother. Things were so tough financially that their dad had to move by himself to Washington, D.C. to find work in the Government Printing Office. Several years later, his family was able to rejoin him.

Both went to Gonzaga High School and later to Georgetown University. Bill recalls Larry tutoring him in Latin because he was afraid Bill might **not make the grade**. Bill not only made the grade, he turned out to be one of our great heroes both as an OB-GYN and later as a Religion teacher at The Heights School in Potomac, Maryland. Larry was so brilliant that he became the head of public relations at Georgetown while still an undergraduate. According to the Washington Post, he was a full-time FBI agent while attending Georgetown







Law School. *How is that for multi-tasking?* Larry Hogan, Sr. served in Congress representing

Prince George's County and Southern Maryland between 1969 and 1975. Later he served as County Executive of Prince George's County.

Well prior to *Roe v. Wade*, January 23, 1973, his

younger brother Bill tried to get Larry onboard for **PRO-LIFE**. Larry was reluctant to do so. One Sunday, Bill came over to Larry's home on a Sunday afternoon and quietly set up his slide projector on the ping-pong table in Larry's basement. He showed Larry **Abortion, How It Is**, a wonderful slide presentation put together by the late Jack Willke, M.D. and his wife Barbara. It showed the victim images of aborted babies. Larry was instantly converted, once again proving the power of the similar victim images we will be using on July 24-28.

I remember Congressman Larry Hogan like it was yesterday when he introduced the first Human Life Amendment and spoke eloquently at the very first March for Life. The date was January 22, 1974 on the west steps of the Capitol. Larry Hogan was a Fearless Defender of the **PRE-BORN**. He spoke often while a Congressman on the **Barbarity of Abortion**.

His outstanding speech writers included Ken Whitehead (RIP), Professor Charles Rice (RIP), Russell Shaw and his brother Dr. Bill Hogan.

Another of Congressman Larry Hogan's great moments was while serving on the House Judiciary Committee he voted for all three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon stating:

The thing that's so appalling to me is that the President, when this whole idea (the cover up) was suggested to him, didn't, in righteous indignation, rise up and say, **Get out** of here, you're in the office of the President of the United States—Google the rest.



This courageous act almost brought an end to Hogan's political career when he soon thereafter lost the Republican nomination for Governor to Louise Gore. She lost in turn to later indicted and forced to resign **Governor Marvin Mandel**. But here is the lesson for all elected officials:

Do the right thing morally, no matter what the cost!

Long Live Christ Our King,

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Enclosure



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newborn child.

"Many young ladies don't have friends to give them baby showers," Uyenco said.

Gwen has become a friend, even a mother figure, to many of the women who have visited FPC. But her pro-life endeavors have been a relatively recent development in her life.

A native of the Philippines, Gwen moved to the United States and worked as an architect for thirty years in Washington, D.C. When her company folded, she looked for ministry opportunities.

Originally hoping to go into youth work, she saw an opportunity to advocate for very young children. Ten years ago, she joined FPC as a volunteer counselor. She later became the office manager, and in



Volunteer Audrey Slade prepares a layette for a mother and her newborn baby.

2014 became executive director.

"The pro-life movement needs workers who seek God's calling and follow it when it comes," said Gwen.

Uyenco stated that her center's greatest material needs are seasonal baby clothes and funds to purchase car seats, breast pumps, and portable cribs (like Pack 'n Plays).

One of the most important lessons she teaches new parents, she added, is the danger of co-sleeping—parents sharing a bed with their baby—which carries suffocation risks for the child.

Just as FPC and other pregnancy centers support women facing unplanned pregnancies, so too do they need our support.

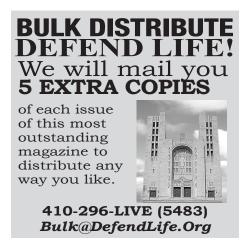
FPC holds an annual golf tournament to raise funds. The next one is August 8.

For more information about FPC, call (301)423-0063 or visit www.forestvillepregnancycenter. org.

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in Catonsville, Pasadena, Glen Burnie, parts of Halethorpe, Arbutus, and South Baltimore."

All of WVTO's programming currently comes from its affiliate, Relevant Radio, a Catholic radio network. Programs include a variety of Catholic talk shows as well as a morning prayer show, liturgy of



the hours and Sunday Mass.

"We are set up to do our own local broadcasting," noted Father. "We could have local talks and speakers; I intend to do it eventually."

In the meantime, WVTO inserts its own station IDs and local announcements. "I had a nice Easter announcement!" said Father.

As a nonprofit, the station can't have advertisers, but it can have sponsors of various shows and name them in announcements.

Station Manager Barber is a 2015 Loyola University of Maryland graduate who majored in Communications. He also "learned a lot" at an EWTN annual radio conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

"The station for the most part runs itself," Barber averred modestly. "It's all automated; at 2 a.m. it automatically turns on and plays. A box on the transmitter racks tells our transmitter to send our signal from our studio to the antenna on the church tower."

It's Barber's job to manage the local broadcasting operations and cope with "snafus."

The new station, the first radio station dedicated to Catholic programming in the Baltimore metro area, "is a boon," says Father Morlino—"primarily as a source of evangelization, but also as a means for educating Catholics, who often have a meager understanding of their faith.

"We hope eventually to be on the air 24 hours a day! But that's down the road."

For more information on WVTO 92.7 FM see wvtoradio.com, email wvtoradio@gmail.com, or phone St. Benedict's Parish Office at 410-947-4988.

In My Humble Opinion

Prophecies of Our Lady of Fatima are being fulfilled

By Janet Baker

May 13, 2017, was the 100th anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children.

She appeared to them on the 13th of the following five months, up to and including October 13, 1917. She warned of immense destruction to come if people did not repent of their sinful ways.

One of the things she told the children is that most of the people going to hell would do so because of sins of the flesh. These sins include the various sins against family life and the generation of new human life.

Soon after that last message, Francisco and Jacinta Sarto succumbed to the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919.

Lucia entered a cloistered convent and spent her life there until her own death in 2005.

While in the convent, she spoke or wrote letters from time to time. In one communication to Carlos Cardinal Caffarra (one of the four cardinals who issued the dubia to Pope Francis regarding *Amoris Laetitia*), she indicated that the final battle between Our Lord and Satan would revolve around marriage and the family.

We certainly are seeing that in these modern times. Indeed, one can say that the plague of abortion is a subset of that larger battle, albeit the most bloody and violent.

As violent as abortion is, we can at least say that this struggle is taking place outside the Catholic Church. However, other facets of the diabolical confusion have become ensconced within the highest echelons of the Church hierarchy.

One of Pope Francis' encyclicals, *Amoris Laetitia*, is rife with such confusion, particularly in its eighth chapter. That is why Cardinals Burke, Caffarra and two others issued their dubia: to request clarification from Pope Francis regarding the dangerously convoluted language contained therein.

That is also why many Catholic pro-life and pro-family organizations are mobilizing, doing what they can to offer clarification in light of

The final battle between Our Lord and Satan will revolve around marriage and the family.

Church Tradition.

One of those organizations, Voice of the Family, hosted in late May their fourth annual Rome Life Forum. Many family advocates gathered there to speak.

I highly recommend visiting the site www.voiceofthefamily.com to read transcripts of all the talks. I will now focus on an address given by Roberto De Mattei.

Mr. De Mattei explains how the undermining of marriage and the family is not a peculiarity of the 1960s; it goes all the way back to the days of Martin Luther.

Other milestones of degradation include the French revolution, the Communist revolution, and Vatican II.

As De Mattei points out, "We did not arrive at Pope Francis' Ex-

hortation *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) in a single day.

"Fifty years were necessary, but the roots are there, in the Second Vatican Council. And the Council didn't do anything except search for a compromise between the doctrine of the Church and the anti-Christian theories of the modern Cultural Revolution.

"Today, that which is at stake is not only the institution of the family, but the existence of an absolute and immutable moral law."

De Mattei suggests a solution: "The remedy is indicated by Pius XI in *Casti connubii*: meditate on the Divine idea of the family and marriage, and live in conformity to this model.

"Meditating on the Divine model of the family means contemplating the truths which regulate the universe: overturning the thesis according to which praxis generates the theory; reestablishing the primacy of doctrine, that is, the Platonic-Aristotelian-Thomistic primacy of contemplation over action; living in conformity with this truth.

"And against the new-Antinomians, who are spread throughout the Catholic Church, we must remember that the Magisterium of the Church either welcomes all of Tradition, theological and moral, or it welcomes none of it."

If we are going to be equipped to emphasize the primacy of doctrine and this "Thomistic primacy of contemplation," then it is the solemn obligation of every faithful Catholic—no exceptions—to engage in a

How do you communicate with millennials? Dr. Lynch explains

"What we've got here is a failure to communicate."

That classic line from the 1967 movie, "Cool Hand Luke," embodies the dilemma Dr. Christina Lynch found herself facing as director of Psychological Services at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

"Over the years I observed changes in how our seminarians have developed in their capacity to process thoughts and effectively communicate them to others," Dr. Lynch told listeners at her Defend Life-sponsored talk at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City April 21.

"We started to see some difficulties, especially as they became ordained; the pastors who were receiving them said, 'How do you communicate with these guys?""

The young seminarians she found herself dealing with were part of the millennial generation, those born from 1982 on through the 1990s.

She researched the subject and came up with some fascinating information.

"Millennials are the most diverse generation and the most educated generation; but they're also the most in debt [for college loans].

"That has caused a lot of them to not buy homes and not buy cars, which has driven millennials to live in urban areas," Lynch explained.

But technology is the biggest factor in shaping the millennials, she asserted.

"Some of what we're seeing in millennials is poor social skills and poor relationships; technology has been the cause of that."

Millennials are also called the "I-Y generation," she said: coming after the X generation, "They are



Millennials are over-connected, over-protected, over-served, and overwhelmed, says Dr. Christina Lynch.

the Y generation with an 'I' in front because everything is about I-pad, I-phone, I-this, I-that! Every device they use confirms, 'It's all about me!'''

Being a millennial is not an easy thing, said Lynch: "They're overconnected, they're over-protected, and they're over-served: as a result, they're overwhelmed!"

There is more depression and more anxiety in this generation than ever before, she said.

"We know that after 2007, text messaging overtook phone calls as a way of communicating. Millennials don't even check phone messages anymore; they just check text messages."

For the millennial, 200 texts a day is the norm.

"But Gallup reports that 40 percent of millennials are what we call hyper-texters; they can receive up to 500 texts a day," she noted.

Research shows that teenagers who hypertext are more likely to try cigarettes, binge drink and use drugs.

A big problem with texting is that texts can be easily misunderstood, because the receiver does not benefit from the tone of voice, the body language, or eye-to-eye contact.

"As a result, 87 percent of millennials say they have misinterpreted text messages," said Lynch.

"We've gone down in the skill of empathy—the ability to put yourself in another person's place and understand what they're going through," she added. "The ability to text does not allow that skill to develop."

Millennials are never without their phones; yet, they have very poor relationship skills, said Lynch.

"Focus groups have shown that face-to-face meetings—looking someone in the eye and being aware of body language—are very difficult.

"They're short on patience, listening, and conflict resolution, because if you say something to me on a text, I don't have to deal with it; I can delete it, or unfriend a person."

Another major problem with millennials is that they are overprotected, said Lynch.

Because parents are constantly receiving bad news instantly on TV and the internet, they react with fear and over-protect their children.

"Over-protection is hurting kids," she maintained; "it takes away their ability to be autonomous and assume responsibility."

Being over-served and overgratified is another problem for millennials, Lynch noted. They are used to getting what they want

Book Review

Beatley keeps her pledge to 'abortion king' Nathanson

By Diane Levero

On November 9, 2008, Terry Beatley, a devout Catholic, dedicated pro-life activist, and self-described "stay-at-home mom" from Virginia faxed a letter of request for an interview with Dr Bernard Nathanson.

Dr. Nathanson was the New York obstetrician-gynecologist who co-founded NARAL-the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws.

He personally persuaded Planned Parenthood to get into the abortion industry, performed 5,000 abortions himself-once aborting his own child—and was responsible for 75,000 abortions.

Nathanson intentionally duped the American public on abortion. He helped devise NARAL's cunning Catholic strategy, persuading the Kennedys and other Catholic politicians that they could personally be against abortion but vote for it with a clear conscience-and convincing Catholic voters that it was okay to vote for such politicians.

And he helped manipulate the opinion of the Supreme Court, resulting in the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

Less than a year after Roe v. Wade set in place the legal foundation to secure the death of what would become 50 million babies and counting. Dr. Nathanson saw. via a real-time ultrasound, an unborn baby in its mother's womb, yawning, stretching, sucking her thumb and wiggling her toes. He was overwhelmed with horror at what he had wrought.

In 2008, when Terry Beatley reign as "abortion king." asked him for an interview, Nathanson was 83 years old, frail and sickly, he granted her request.

she asked him. "Dr. Nathanson, I know you are too sick to travel getting your message out. If you have



something to tell America, I promise I will carry it across our nation for you."

"Yes. Yes I do," he replied. "Continue teaching the strategy of how I deceived America."

He warned that as long as abortion was legal, America would have increased public turmoil, violence, and continued disintegration in the family.

Beatley wrote What If We've Been Wrong? as part of her promise to Dr. Nathanson.

Nathanson was brought into the drive to legalize abortion by author ly-and dying of cancer. Amazing- Lawrence Lader, a close friend of Planned Parenthood founder Marga-As the interview came to a close, ret Sanger and supporter of Sanger's drive to eliminate "undesirables" such as blacks through birth control, and later, abortion.

> Lader's writings on the "need" for abortion reform influenced the Supreme Court, which cited his 1966 book, Abortion, eight times in Roe v. Wade.

> Nathanson gave NARAL its medical authenticity. Together, Lader and Nathanson recruited Communist propagandist and Feminist Mystique author Betty Friedan to serve as NARAL's female PR person.

> The Lader-Nathanson-Friedan triumvirate first executed a successful propaganda campaign to overturn New York State's anti-abortion law, then took their strategy national

> Nathanson admitted that in their effort to transform American society, he and NARAL readily concocted made-up "statistics" about the number of women dying from illegal abortions and fed them to the media, which accepted them as gospel.

> After New York legalized abortions in 1970. Nathanson continued to deliver babies at a local hospital as part of his ob-gyn practice.

At the same time, as director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health (CRASH), he presided over 110-120 abortions a day-an average of 800 per week. In it, she details Nathanson's CRASH employed 35 doctors and 85 nurses and was open from 8 a.m. to midnight 364 days a year.

What If We've Been Wrong? recounts Dr. Nathanson's subsequent repentance and attempts to make amends for the damage he had caused (an atheist, he became a convert to Catholicism.).

Beatley alternates his story with a running account of her own efforts to keep her promise to him.

One way she kept that promise was to launch a campaign to defeat liberal, pro-abortion Virginia State Senator Robert Houck in the 2011 election.

In his 28 years in office, Houck had amassed a lengthy record of informed and give consent to their lican opponent by 226 votes. children's health care.

his voting record. She and fellow pro-lifers handed them out at fairs, meetings, rallies, and door-to-door and deceived America into condonin residential neighborhoods.

She met with local African-American clergymen, explaining to ing evidence that dedicated, deterthem how Nathanson and NARAL mined, hard-working pro-lifers can had embodied Margaret Sanger's Negro Project to help eliminate the "inferior" Negro race through con- its head. traception and, eventually, abortion.

forts paid off on election day, when tive. See Hosea4You.org for details.

voting for abortion on demand and the long-entrenched Democrat went against the rights of parents to be down to defeat, losing to his Repub-

Beatley's What If We've Been Beatley printed flyers exposing Wrong? offers readers fascinating insight into how Dr. Nathanson and his NARAL cohorts manipulated ing abortion.

> But her book also gives heartensuccessfully turn the pro-abortion, anti-parental rights juggernaut on

Terry Beatley is founder of the Her relentless, exhaustive ef- pro-life organization, Hosea Inia-

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"I believe it was given to us by God for this day and age. It is probably the greatest evangelistic tool in our era"—a time when, Jesus knew, so many would reject Him.

The Shroud shows that Jesus was severely beaten. During His interrogation by the Jewish high priest Caiaphas, "They punched Him, gave Him a black eye and a broken nose," all of which are apparent on the Shroud, Wingard pointed out.

"The Shroud also shows a split beard. They pulled out His beardthe greatest humiliation you could do to somebody in the Middle East.

"God is being humiliated out of intense love for us; this really blows my mind!" he added.

Jesus was scourged by a Roman flagrum, which had six little metal balls at the end of each whip cord.

"You can see the scourge marks

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on the Shroud on both the back and front of the body; there were 39 hits on His body times six.

"When you are scourged, you have trouble breathing; then you start throwing up," Wingard noted.

They scourged him badly, but held back a little so He would be alive for the crucifixion, he said.

"He could barely walk. You can see marks on the shoulder and knee



Bill Wingard lectures on the history, the science, and the significance of the Shroud.

of the Shroud where He fell-probably more than the three times that we as Catholics show on our Stations of the Cross devotion."

Wrist wounds and the blood stains coming from those wounds are also apparent.

"The crosses that we see are basically sanitized," Wingard asserted; "they don't show what really happened.

"Maybe they don't because He was crucified naked. But they need to show something more than what we see, because we don't see the fullness of what went down.

"The Shroud of Turin shows us. 'This is what I gave you: I gave you Myself.' In the Mass, the same thing happens: Jesus says, 'This is what I give you; I give you Myself.'

"It's so incredible! But that's what happens," he concluded.

To see a video of Bill Wingard's March 26 talk, google YouTube Shroud of Turin Bill Wingard.

For more information, or to schedule a talk in your area, go to shroudtalks.com.

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when they want it.

"Because everything comes to them instantaneously, they haven't learned to self-regulate their emotions; they are delayed in their emotional development."

As a result of all these factors:

- 48% of those in college have had counseling for mental health problems.
- 10% have been hospitalized for mental health issues.
- 8-10% have attempted suicide.
- 30% have thought about suicide.

"They are overwhelmed!" she concluded.

Millennials have more knowledge and information than any other generation, but they don't know how to process it.

"They don't have mentors to interpret this information: parents are busy, families are broken," said Lynch. So their only mentors are their peers, the media, and the schools they go to."

We need to be their mentors, she urged; we need to teach them morals,

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rigorous formation in Thomistic philosophy and theology.

How can we engage our culture when our own intellects have been stunted? We have too often trivialized the importance of intellectual formation in the Catholic tradition, pretending that all we have to do is have the right Godly motives and "love" others, whatever that might entail.

But are we not created in the image and likeness of God primarily through our intellects and wills? Do not our intellects inform our wills so they might lead to proper actions? values and ethics.

But most of all, said Lynch, "You need to let them know that you really care about them—that they are valued, they are beloved children of God; that's all that's important.

"I tell my students, I want you to

Millennials have more knowledge and information, but they don't know how to process it.

do radiation therapy; sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament 15 minutes and get radiated every day!

"We know that heals—tell your kids that."

We also need to stop over-protecting our children, she said.

"Research has found that children who are not over-protected master the experience of failing. They become capable of overcoming adversity and achieving goals."

Dr. Lynch described a father who got an automobile engine that no lon-

ger worked and gave it to his 13-yearold son, who spent the whole summer working on it. The teen loved it and became a mechanical engineer.

"How do they discover their gifts and talents if we don't give them opportunities and let them fail?" she asked.

"We need to create those opportunities; we need to be teachers and coaches, encouraging them, not criticizing them."

Millennials are looking for a sense of community, of belonging, of contributing to something larger than themselves.

"We haven't taught them the virtues, the truth," declared Lynch.

There needs to be a return to virtue and truth, and especially to beauty. The beauty of creation is an opening to reach them; all generations relate to beauty and truth.

"We need to teach them how to die for others," she asserted; "we have to die to ourselves to do that!"

When you can present to them a vision of living the faith that is challenging and adventurous, that calls out what is best in them, they respond, she concluded.

Too often we favor emotionalism over solid intellect. If we need evidence of general slavery to emotions, just look at our Masses with all the rubrics violations, in jokes from the pulpit, sloppiness in deportment and dress.

Look at how so many chase after "world youth day buzzes" and apparition experiences, mistaking emotional excitement as "spiritual experiences." See how often they wax giggly whenever they see singing/ dancing/juggling/surfing clergy and religious.

When I say that Catholics are in need of this formation, I include myself. As to where we'll find it, I don't know at this time; perhaps others know.

But I know it must be done. I suspect such formation has been lacking since some time before Vatican II; else, how could the faith of so many Catholics have collapsed like a house of cards in the immediate wake of Vatican II? The foundations of both intellect and prayer were lacking.

Right now we can implement the requests of Our Lady of Fatima: keeping the First Saturday devotions with Mass and Confession, praying daily the Rosary, wearing the brown scapular, repentance for sin.



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