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March for Life, 2016

In this newsletter, you will find the Bus Captain contact information for buses traveling to the January 22nd March For Life in Washington, D.C. from Butler County. We have 8 buses scheduled at this time, from various locations in the County.

We hope that this is the year you will choose to join us on the March.

Why do we March?

- We March to remember the 56 million lives of little girls and boys that have been lost to abortion
- We March to demand legislative action to protect every life.
- We March to revive a culture of life across our country.
- We March to share the truth that abortion harms women physically, emotionally and mentally.
- We March because each and every life is a gift.
- We March to be a voice for the voiceless.
- and . . .

We March because we can – we live in a country where we are free to protest what we believe is wrong. As long as we are able, we will continue to work to gain protection for every Human Life!

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Join Us on the March for Life! *(cont'd from cover)*

Please look into your heart to see if you can answer YES to the call to join this year.

The buses leave at slightly different times and have different charges, so please call the Bus Captain of the bus you wish to join. Our buses do fill up, so call soon!

If you have come many times before – or, if you have never come before – there is a seat on a bus waiting for you!

- Gretchen Cararie, Butler County March for Life Bus Coordinator.

40 Days for Life

The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life will be held February 10 until March 20, in front of the Planned Parenthood office on Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh. The Vigil runs from 7am until 7pm for 40 days, so we need lots of volunteers to stand with us and Pray to end abortion.

Since this campaign started in 2008, there have been 64 abortion facilities across the country go out of business. Could this happen on Liberty Avenue also? YES!

For more information, visit: 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or call Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413.

May They Rest in Peace . . .

As you may know, on Friday, November 27, a gunman killed three people and wounded several others at a Planned Parenthood facility in Colorado.

Pro-Lifers across the country condemn this violence and offer our condolences and heartfelt prayers to the victims and their families. Violence is never justified as a means to our ends and the actions of this shooter are in complete contradiction to the aims of the Pro-Life movement.

While there is still much ambiguity regarding the shooter's motivations and intended targets, we need to make it clear that he does not represent any Pro-Life organization and his actions are directly opposite the peaceful and prayerful activities of such groups as the March for Life and 40 Days for Life.

We ask all our readers to join us in praying for an end to such violence.

Donations

LifeLine

In Memory of:

Lily Dorsch by Charles Dorsch

Fr. James E Griffiths by family

David & Peter Griffiths by mother

In Honor of:

Luke Tychonowitz (2nd birthday) by Great Granny

Bernadette Nelson (1st birthday) by Great Granny

Other Lifeline Donations:

- Patricia & Wm. Liberto
- St. John's Reformed Church, Butler Twp
- John & Rebecca Cascino
- Joseph Spotts
- Veronica Griffiths

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In Memory of:

Silvia Wigton by Carol Foster

Mary DeMucci by Peggy DeMucci

Catherine Cararie by Valencía Bible Study Group

In Honor of:

Aneita Rabitt by Betty Furka

Other PHL Donations:

- Anonymous
- Victoria McCarren
- St. Gregory Church
- John L. Sasse
- Paul & Patricia Herbert
- Daniel Jonczak
- Yvonne Orloski
- Herbert Wellman

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

Pennsylvanians for Human Life is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life in the region. We produce this newsletter, maintain a presence at the annual Butler Farm Show and help facilitate attendance at the yearly March for Life in Washington, DC, all of which entail a cost. This upcoming year is an election year, so we will be spending additional money to educate the public about life issues.

With this newsletter you will find a fundraising envelope for Butler PHL. We ask that you consider contributing to the cause. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one, please include a note to that effect. We will endeavor to mention all donors and any honorees in the next newsletter (unless you indicate a wish for anonymity).

God Bless, and thanks very much for your generosity!

Pro-Life Essay/Oratory Contests

Essay Contest

- ◆ Open to PA students in grades 7-12.
- ◆ Write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research.
- ◆ Word limit: 500 for grades 7-9, 750 for grades 10-12.
- ◆ Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, grade and school.
- ◆ Cash prizes.

Please submit entries by **Monday, March 7, 2016** to lifelines@paprolife.org or mail to:

PA Pro-Life Federation
4800 Jonestown Rd, Suite 102
Harrisburg, PA 17109-1741

Video Oratory Contest

- ◆ Contest open to Pennsylvania students in 11th and 12th grades.
- ◆ Novice contest open to students in 9th and 10th grades.
- ◆ Grand Prize is all-expense paid trip to National Oratory Contest.

Students who are interested in competing should contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at lifelines@paprolife.org or at 717-541-0034. Deadline to enter is **April 11, 2016**.

On Monday, Jan. 11, 2016, Larry Black will be a guest on Dave Malarky's "Speak-Up" radio program on WISR, 680 am from 12:30-1:30, to discuss the March for Life and other Pro-Life topics. Please listen to the show, and call in if you wish to add your comments.

"For the child is the greatest gift of God to the family because it has been created to love and to be loved. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble — so abortion just leads to more abortion."

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

- Mother Theresa

Planned Parenthood - Time to Defund It!

Ever since the Center for Medical Progress released its undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood executives and employees admitting to selling baby parts, Planned Parenthood has been on the defensive. Desperate to shift the focus away from its involvement with abortion, Planned Parenthood and its supporters have been clamoring that abortion only comprises 3% of its total services provided to women. The drumbeat has been that any efforts to defund Planned Parenthood are political and deny women the vast majority of necessary services that the organization provides. Planned Parenthood has been quick to cite a number of recent polls purporting to show that the public is buying into that narrative and generally not in favor of cutting off taxpayer dollars to it. Wrong on both counts.

What Does Planned Parenthood Do?

First, the claim that abortion only comprises 3% of services provided is incredibly misleading. It only works if each "discrete clinical interaction" is counted, so surgical abortion ends up getting counted the same as dispensing birth control or administering a pregnancy or STD test. In fact, about 12% of women who receive any service from Planned Parenthood end up getting an abortion in the same year.

National Review editor Rich Lowry has noted how ludicrous this 3% figure really is by offering a couple of analogies:

The sponsors of the New York City Marathon could count each small cup of water they hand out (some 2 million cups, compared with 45,000 runners) and say they are mainly in the hydration business.

Or Major League Baseball teams could say that they sell about 20 million hot dogs and play 2,430 games in a season, so baseball is only .012 percent of what they do.

Moreover, abortion is where the organization makes its money. Though Planned Parenthood does not disclose what it makes from abortion, we do know how many abortions it performs and have a cost range for each type of abortion procedure (provided by Planned Parenthood). Even using the most conservative of calculations, Planned Parenthood pulls in close to \$100 million annually from abortion.

Finally, with regard to the first point on services provided, Planned Parenthood's "pregnancy services" are dominated by abortion. Consider that:

- The number of abortions Planned Parenthood performed from 2000 to 2011 increased from 197,070 to 333,964, more than doubling its share of the abortion market from 15 percent in 2000 to 32 percent in 2011, the latest year for which national data are available.

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Planned Parenthood (*cont'd*)

- Planned Parenthood affiliates perform about 20 abortions for every prenatal care visit and about 200 abortions for every adoption referral based on the approximately 300,000 abortions they perform each year.

Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life group, has used Planned Parenthood's own figures to determine that abortion represents 94% of all "pregnancy services" rendered by Planned Parenthood.

Public Opinion

On the second point regarding public opinion, Planned Parenthood relies on polls that simply ask the question whether the organization should be defunded. Given the way in which Planned Parenthood and the willing media have touted the organization's other services, it is natural to expect that some respondents might worry about accessibility to tests or contraception if Planned Parenthood does not provide them.

But no one is suggesting that women's health funding disappear, only that it now go to clinics and organizations that do not perform abortions. And when this is explicitly part of the question, at least one poll shows the public in favor of shifting taxpayer dollars away from Planned Parenthood. The question:

"Congressional Republicans favor shifting Planned Parenthood federal funds to community clinics that perform the same services, but do not perform abortions," the RMU question read. "Would you say you support or oppose this plan?"

53.3% strongly or somewhat supported the plan, while 31.5% were strongly or somewhat opposed. RMU Professor of Political Science Philip Harold commented on the fact these results were different from those of other polls, "One of the cardinal rules in polling is to clearly indicate the alternative in the question and a poll question that doesn't do this is flawed. Because the wording of this poll reflects the actual proposal, it is more accurate." Sadly, but predictably, the media has not done much to disseminate these latest findings.

Defunding Efforts

As this newsletter goes to print, the Senate has just voted 52-47 to defund Planned Parenthood. The bill, which will now likely be passed by the House of Representatives, would block roughly 89% of federal funding and repeal a number of components of Obamacare, including two provisions that lead to rationing of life-saving care. Funds would be reallocated to community health centers that provide a broader and less-controversial array of women's health services.

President Obama has promised to veto the legislation, but this demonstrates what would be possible with a pro-life president in office.

Butler County Bus Captain List - 2016 March for Life

Please call for departure dates and times.

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Bus 6: Cabot

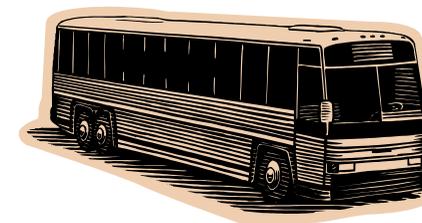
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Reminder

The March for Life is on January 22nd, a Friday this year. Please join us for this worthwhile effort in defense of life!