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Reflections from March for Life 2017

The following quotes are from Teens who traveled to the March for Life in January with the bus from St. Fidelis Church (Meridian):

- “With all the social media today, it’s easy to get caught up in all the hate and anger that everyone (it seems) has toward the Republican Party and Christian values. When I read the posts and tweets of what people are saying it makes me feel like I’m one of the only ones that value the Pro-Life ideals. But going to the March for Life made me realize that very often Catholic values are the majority and it is possible to make a difference.
- This trip has opened my eyes to all the work I need to put forth in order to spread love rather than all the hate and anger that is filling the world today. I am so grateful to have been able to go on this trip; it has been a blessing I didn’t know I needed.”
- “My Pro-Life experience was great, from Mass to the March. . . . I loved being around people who stood for the same thing that I did. My favorite part was after the March when some Pro-Life elected officials (including Congressman Mike Kelly) talked to us about the March and the difference we were making by being there. It was an enlightening experience and I definitely will be going again.”

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Reflections from the March *(cont'd from cover)*

- “I feel very grateful and blessed to be able to express my faith today as I stood and marched for all the unborn children.....This was my first time marching, and I was not sure of what the March would be like. Experiencing such a vast amount of people defending the unborn sent me the message that there is hope. The time spent on the March helped me to grow in my faith and to understand the beauty of the life God has created for each and every one of us.”

Many thanks to the Bus Captains and all the Passengers who traveled to the March for Life this year. Reading the quotes above from our young people makes me realize that the time and effort that we spend working on the March for Life is most worthwhile!

Next year's March: Friday, January 19, 2018 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Gretchen Cararie

Time to Defund Planned Parenthood

The US Congress, as well as the State of Pennsylvania, is working to stop funding for Planned Parenthood. The following are some of the main reasons we feel this is necessary:

- Planned Parenthood is about abortions, not healthcare. Planned Parenthood is America's biggest abortion chain, committing over 34% of abortions in the US. According to its own 2014-2015 annual report, the corporation committed **887 abortions a day or one abortion every 97 seconds**. In fact, 15 out of 16 pregnancy services performed by PP were abortions.
- Planned Parenthood lies about the other services it provides; the organization does only 0.97% of Pap smears and 1.8% of breast exams in the US. Prenatal care is virtually nonexistent at PP facilities, as are ultrasounds for pregnant women who want to keep their babies. These maternal services can easily be provided by other existing medical facilities which are not involved in doing abortions.
- Redirecting taxpayer dollars away from Planned Parenthood would mean that the over 13,000 community health clinics (which outnumber PP 20-1) would receive funding. These other centers offer comprehensive health services and holistic care for women and their families.
- Planned Parenthood has been caught in numerous scandals –lying to the public, harvesting fetal parts from abortions for sale, covering up sex trafficking, condoning abortions for sex and race selection, giving medically inaccurate information about fetal development and coaching kids on risky sexual practices.

Donations

In Memory of:

Joe Reep by Parents John and Norma

Dale Schnur by Mary Jo Koch

Harry Bielewicz, Sr. by Joe and Rose Stumpf

Other:

- Robert & Gretchen Cararie
- Herbert & Madeline Wellman
- Marilyn Allen
- William Adams
- James & Madeline Too-good
- Robert & Lorraine Shoemaker

- Vince & Elaine Ritzert
- Victoria McCarren
- Phyllis Neubert
- St. Mary Friary
- Raymond & Laurie Lucas
- Sara Stirling
- Michael Chepelsky
- James & Linda Leitem
- Veronica Griffiths
- Kathleen Crawford
- Hazel, Mitch & Corine Pinto
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- John & Rebecca Cascino
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- William Mizerak
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- Sharon Hackbart
- Frances Waltman
- Rose & Joseph Stumpf
- Raymond & Kimberly Ferguson
- Mary Jo Koch
- Daniel Jonczak
- William & Rita Malloy
- Mary Ann Freimuth
- Marcus & Dawn Kohan
- Francis Diamond
- John & Laurie Schirra
- Homeacre Chapel
- Donna Sherman

Thanks to Mothers' Day Ad Volunteers

Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who solicited names for the Mothers' Day ad that ran in the *Butler Eagle*. And special recognition for those at St. Paul's who coordinated the effort, collected the submissions and forwarded them to the Eagle. The names of mothers past and present covering two pages was a wonderful tribute to motherhood.

Farm Show 2017

Make plans to visit the PHL booth at the 2017 Butler Farm Show, which runs from Monday, August 7th through Saturday, August 12th. Take the quiz and say hi to those volunteers staffing the booth. Watch the amazing 3-D ultrasound showing a baby's development within the womb. Pick up literature and pro-life giveaways. See you there!

Remembering a Pro-Life Champion

In March, 2017, our Pro-Life community lost one of our founding members –Dale E. Schnur. Dale was the second president of the Butler Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (1973-1974) and helped to mold the new organization from a handful of volunteers into a strong chapter, which has served the Butler community ever since. Thank you, Dale, for being there when we needed you and for your support through the years.

40 Days for Life

The next campaign for 40 Days for Life will run September 27-November 5, 2017. Make plans now to attend and to bring a group from your Church or circle of friends. The Vigil is held from 7am until 7pm every day during that time. For more information, go to www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com_or call Nikki Bruni at 412 926 9413.

PHL Media Library

PHL Butler Chapter maintains a library of DVD's and CD's for use by our members. If you wish to borrow any of our materials, you must contact the Media Librarian. The DVD's and CD's that we have available are listed on the Website (PHLButler.org); we have tried to provide a short synopsis of each one, but we recommend that you preview before using. The following regulations apply to all items borrowed:

- Media items will be mailed to the borrower.
- Borrower is asked to pay postage and insurance for returning items to Media Librarian.
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Defunding Planned Parenthood *(cont'd from page 2)*

- PP is not legally allowed to use tax-payer money for abortions; however, by receiving over \$500 million in taxpayer dollars a year, PP is able to free up expenses to expand facilities, lobby lawmakers, etc. For example, PP spent \$38 million in attempting to elect Hillary Clinton and other pro-abortion candidates.

In March, 2017, President Trump proposed to Planned Parenthood that its federal funding could remain intact, if it stopped performing abortions. CEO Cecile Richards replied via Twitter that PP was “proud” to commit abortions, that federal funds should pay for them, and that abortion was “an American value”.

Let your elected officials know that you want to **DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD!**

Planned Parenthood Quiz for the Farm Show Booth

Something like the following will be at the Farm Show booth to test the public's knowledge of Planned Parenthood:

1. Planned Parenthood aborts about how many babies a year?
 - a. Around 320,000
 - b. Around 210,000
 - c. Around 100,000
 - d. Around 25,000
2. In the last year (2016), how much money has Planned Parenthood received in Federal tax-payer funding?
 - a. \$5 million
 - b. zero
 - c. \$50 million
 - d. \$550 million
3. Through strategic, targeted investigative reporting, Live Action has revealed what kind of corruption and abuse is happening behind closed doors of Planned Parenthood facilities?
 - a. Sex-selection abortion
 - b. Failing to report child sex trafficking
 - c. Covering up sexual abuse of children
 - d. All of the above

100 Days of Life Under Trump Presidency

The PA Pro-Life Federation Town Hall Tour came to Cranberry Township in April, 2017, with the message: Life is Winning. Here are some examples:

- Unprecedented support for the March for Life, sending Vice President Pence and Senior Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway to speak to Marchers.
- Strong Pro-Life appointments to key leadership roles, including Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, HHS Secretary Tom Price, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Secretary of Housing and Urban development Ben Carson and UN Ambassador Nikki Haley.
- Reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, prohibiting US funding of abortion providers overseas.
- Defunding of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a participant in China's one-child policy.
- Enactment of the Congressional Review Act (H.J. Res 43) to allow individual states the ability to redirect Title X funding away from abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.
- Nomination and confirmation of Justice Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Issuance of the Presidential Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty in May, 2017. Among other provisions, this Order protects the right of health care workers to refuse to participate in "preventive-care mandates" which violate their conscience.

While our work is not finished until Respect for all Human Life is guaranteed at every age, we are making progress and should all be grateful for the accomplishments we have made in such a short time.

Judicial Filibuster Ended / Gorsuch Joins Supreme Court

On April 7th, the US Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court by a vote of 54-45. This followed a 52-48 vote the prior day to remove the 60-vote threshold necessary for Supreme Court confirmations. This so called "nuclear option" broke the unprecedented partisan filibuster by which Senate Democrats were preventing a vote on Gorsuch.

Neil Gorsuch, who has the backing of pro-lifers nationwide as a judge expected to respect the legislative process and interpret the Constitution more narrowly so as not to include a right to abortion, had been nominated by President Trump to fill the vacancy resulting from Justice Scalia's death. His confirmation restores the balance (4 conservatives, 4 liberals, 1 moderate) under which much of the pro-life progress has been made over the past three decades.

National Right to Life's Douglas Johnson said the following about the developments:

"McConnell's successful 'nuclear' motion produced a historic victory for Senate Republicans, the President, and the country — and a huge defeat for a coalition of left-wing groups, led by the abortion lobby, that had relentlessly pressured Democratic senators to filibuster the confirmation of Judge Gorsuch. For decades, liberal senators and interest groups had attacked Republican judicial nominees with procedural and political weapons that Republicans were slow to match. This week, the Republicans took decisive action to restore parity to the judicial confirmation process, and we commend them for it."

The removal of the judicial filibuster also means that future appointments to the Court by President Trump have a better chance of being confirmed. Speculation abounds that 80-year-old Justice Kennedy (the moderate swing vote on the Court) may be retiring within the next year or two. Activist Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, 84 and 78 years old, respectively, would be the two most senior judges on the Court should Kennedy leave.

If Trump has the opportunity to nominate one or two more justices similar to Neil Gorsuch, we very well could see the end of *Roe v. Wade*. Elections have consequences.

