

Butler Chapter

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Make Plans to March for Life!

Top Ten Reasons to Travel to the March for Life:

1. It is a life-changing experience.
2. You will enjoy the company of a great bus-full of friends.
3. It is a trip to see Washington, D.C.
4. It is a chance to see our government in action - the Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial Branches-all in one day.
5. It is an opportunity to hear the President speak to us.
6. It is a day to put your beliefs into action.
7. It is a way to Witness to the dignity and worth of all Life.
8. It is an experience of Prayer and Politics working together for the Common Good.
9. It is a day to learn more about the Pro-Life movement. AND....
10. You will never forget seeing 100,000 other people who believe that Life is Sacred -Just like you do!

Note: The March For Life will follow a slightly different route this year. Due to construction in Washington, the Rally will be held on the Mall at 7th Street. The March itself will travel up Constitution Avenue. This will make the March a little shorter than usual and will give you more time to lobby with Legislators.

We are looking forward to seeing many new faces this year; please see list of Bus Captains (page 6) to locate the most convenient bus for you.

Pro-Life Panoply

The day I am writing this is the Feast of the Holy Innocents. As you know, this commemorates the killing of the babies as ordered by Herod in his attempt to rid the world of our Savior. God's ultimate will cannot be thwarted, but there is evil in the world, which unfortunately caused thousands of newborn boys' lives to be sacrificed. Today we honor them.

In this country it has become traditional, at least in the Catholic Church, to commemorate this day the unborn babies whose lives have been taken through abortion. They are, of course, just as innocent and holy as those little boys killed two thousand years ago. Sometimes it is difficult to discern the ultimate reason in God's plan as to why these millions of babies have been killed, aside from that maxim that there is an evil path in the world that we can choose to follow.

Let me initially say the obvious, that God hates abortion. He didn't cause it, but He can use anything, even evil, to further His divine will. It seems to me that in the last few years a pattern may be emerging that illustrates God's unfolding plan. The people who take their relationship with the Lord seriously owe a debt of gratitude to millions of aborted babies sacrificed. In my view, abortion has united Christians in the nation as no other issue in the last one hundred and fifty years. I never would have thought that Justice Harry Blackman was doing evangelical Christianity a favor when, with

one swoop of a pen, he wiped out all abortion laws in the United States. But, since 1973 Christians have risen up in defense of the unborn child in a manner that never could have happened if we had had fifty different states approaching abortion in fifty different ways. Some states would have become abortion havens, as was already occurring in 1972. Some states would have banned abortion outright. The danger would have been that the unborn would have gotten lost in the political shuffle of which approach to abortion is more socially acceptable to a majority of people in the state. *Roe v. Wade* and its follow-up decision, in throwing out virtually all laws attempting to ban abortion, offended almost everyone except the hard core abortionists in its one-size-fits-all approach to abortion in the United States.

I have always believed that the Lord is grieved over the brokenness in His body, the divisions in His church. I also believe that God is saddened by the turning of this nation away from its original commitment in its covenant with the Lord. Abortion has done much to bring together disparate elements in the body of Christ. Who would have believed thirty years ago that Catholics, Missouri Synod Lutherans and Southern Baptists could have ridden together on a bus for ten hours singing and praising the Lord, and then march and pray together to try to save the unborn babies?

Pro-Life Panoply (cont'd)

Who would have believed thirty years ago that dedicated Christians would have become so politically mobilized? A mobilization that began with the issue of abortion. A mobilization that has done much to insure the election of dedicated Christians who are not afraid to pass laws and nominate judges, not to unite church and state, but to truly reflect the biblical virtues on which this country was founded, and by which it spiritually prospered for many years.

Like Rachel, we mourn the deaths of the unborn children. Yet we thank them because we know their sacrifice has not been in vain. God's people are rising to return this nation to its spiritual roots. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts on behalf of troubled mothers and unborn babies.

Rick Givan

Membership Drive

Please remember us when you move by completing the information below and forwarding to us, as this reduces our mailing costs. Please also consider suggesting to your friends that they become members of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and receive this newsletter. Any donations to defray the costs of producing and mailing the newsletter are most welcome!

Also, we are looking for someone to chair our booth at this year's Butler Farm Show. It's an excellent opportunity to become more involved in the pro-life movement. If interested, please contact Larry Black at 724-482-4077.

To join or inform us of an upcoming address change, please complete the attached and send to Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Butler Chapter, P.O. Box 93, Butler, PA 16003-0093. Thank you and God Bless!

I support the purposes of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Southwest Region, Butler Chapter, and would like to be enrolled as a general member. Please add me to your mailing list.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Sign/Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

How I can help: _____

Your SIGNATURE is important, should anyone ever question our membership list.

Proud to be a PHL Member

At the most recent PHL meeting, Larry Black, President, asked if I would share with PHL members our/my recent success story. I'm Marj Vincent and I was recently elected to the Mars School Board. In my campaign handouts, I included the fact that I am the Webmaster for both the Pennsylvanians for Human Life and for Lifeline of Southwestern PA. During the Primary election, one voter asked me if I was Pro-Life (before she read the handout); I got her vote solely by my response that I was actively involved in PHL.

For the General Election, the Republican Party donated to my campaign ((in part because I am a conservative (which includes my pro-life activities)). With their dollars, I sent a mailer with background information about myself and my positions on some educational issues to several boroughs and townships within the Mars School District. Because of my PHL association, I had several email "conversations" with one voter about my pro-life position and sex education in the schools. Several people that reviewed my flyers before I sent them out asked if I really wanted to include such potentially controversial activities such as PHL and my church affiliations. I opted to let voters know who I was so they would understand my beliefs in advance and how that might affect my voting on issues. I'm proud to be a member of PHL and the voters recently showed their support as well.

Marj Vincent

Abortion & Breast Cancer - Denying the Link

In 1996, Professor Joe Brind of Baruch College found that 18 of 23 studies on abortion and breast cancer reported that women who had abortions subsequently showed a higher incidence of this form of cancer. Despite this evidence, the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) has not gotten behind educating the public on this risk. In fact, some claim NCI and others are using seriously-flawed research to deny the abortion-breast cancer link.

This denial of a demonstrated link with serious health consequences has many in the medical community upset. MasterCare International, an international group of OB/GYNs, is the latest medical organization to affirm the link between abortion and breast cancer, and is disappointed that groups like NCI have misled women about research on the subject. Andrew Schlafly, General Counsel for the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, went further: "The abortion industry and medical establishment withholds this information in an attempt to prevent massive lawsuits from being filed."

Confirm Judge Alito!

In early January, the United States Senate is expected to hold hearings regarding President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, Samuel Alito. Our own senator, Arlen Specter, has indicated that the hearings will be longer and more intense than those of Supreme Court Justice John Roberts, because of Alito's "controversial" position on abortion. What's "controversial" is that Alito appears to be pro-life.

In 1985, while Alito was serving in the Reagan administration, he wrote a memo saying that there is no right to abortion in the Constitution and *Roe v. Wade* should be limited through subsequent Supreme Court decisions. In a job application to be deputy assistant attorney general later that year, Alito again demonstrated his pro-life views, writing, "I am particularly proud of my contributions in recent cases in which the government has argued in the Supreme Court that racial and ethnic quotas should not be allowed and that the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion." These documents, plus his track record of interpreting the Constitution rather strictly -- the Constitution does not contain a right to abortion -- are reasons to be optimistic that the unborn will benefit from his confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Predictably, the pro-abortion forces have declared Alito unfit, fearing that he may tip the Supreme Court in favor of life. We cannot sit by and allow a good nominee to be railroaded by the pro-abortion minority. A majority of senators would likely approve his nomination, but first Alito needs to make it to the floor for a full vote. This means that: 1) the judiciary committee, headed by Specter, must give Alito a fair hearing and advance his nomination to the full Senate, and 2) Alito's pro-abortion foes must not filibuster his nomination, requiring a supermajority vote for his approval.

To help get this qualified judge on the Supreme Court, you can call Senator Specter at 202-224-4254 and insist that he chair a fair hearing and see that Alito is approved by the committee. Senator Specter needs to realize how many of us want a fair and full vote on this worthy nominee.

If the pro-abortion senators obstruct the process through means of a filibuster, we need to encourage Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist to invoke the "constitutional option" and move for amending senate rules to prevent obstructionist tactics with respect to judicial nominees. Senator Frist can be reached at 202-224-3344.

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Betty Jane & Mary Jo

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