



# PRO LIFE UNION INC. UPDATE

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*Human life is sacred from its beginning to its natural end.*

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## A Great Night



The 2010 *Stand Up For Life Dinner* was memorable. Over 1,500 people attended, 500 of them students, the future of our cause! They heard an inspiring challenge from our speaker, Dr. Anne Mielnik. She described some of the difficulties that she encountered in college and, particularly, in medical school, where you were expected to leave your conscience at the door. She refused to join the contraception, abortion and IVF culture, so prominent today. During her address, Dr. Mielnik quoted from the writings of Elie Wiesel, as he

described the corruption of medicine perpetuated by Nazi doctors. She made the obvious comparison. Perhaps the finest moment occurred when she asked the students who wanted to enter medicine and bring reform. It was more than cool when several raised their arms to answer her call. May the Lord help them to maintain their youthful pledge.

Four awards were given. The Lynch Award to Denise Clofine, who now administers the St. Edmond's Home for Children. She has spent 29 years caring for severely disabled people. The Defender of Life Award was received by Guy Vacca, a faithful prayerful warrior, who is present at the killing centers every Saturday morning. The Dr. James Kelly Award was tendered to Jessica Chominski for her amazing stint as the Buck's County Women's Center's first Executive Director. The Chastity Award was given posthumously to Mattei Radu, who accomplished so much in his short life. Our world is in a frightful condition, but Jesus continues to raise up people to change the culture.

Pastor Joseph Watkins delivered a brief message, telling all that God is pleased when you do His work. He pleaded, "Don't give up the fight! God loves you, keep your sweet spirit." Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, Daniel Thomas, pronounced the Benediction and spoke of a pregnant mother who asked him at the airport for a blessing for her unborn child. The mother was award recipient Jessica Chominski, who was seated next to the Bishop that night.

Then, the memorable evening closed with all standing to sing "How Great Thou Art," led by 40 students and faculty of St. Charles Seminary.

## Stem Cell Fairy Tales

That's the phrase Father Tad Pacholczyk uses to describe the rhetoric used by those who wish to kill young humans of embryonic age "so that others will be helped." Those others are suffering from Parkinson's Disease, spinal cord injuries, diabetes, MS, etc. President Obama favors public funding for embryonic stem cell research. Yet, the real cures are being found in adult stem cells. Life Site News recently reported that a four year old girl was given three months to live. Her parents had preserved her umbilical cord blood, which was used to cure her by an infusion of stem cells. Now, five years later, no leukemia is present. Similar cures are regularly made public.

## Pastor Eric Bonhoffer

This brave man was hung by Hitler in 1945. Unlike many mainline Christians, he was not silent. He stood up for the Jews. He spoke with clarity about the nature of marriage, family, euthanasia and abortion, which he appropriately termed "murder." His most recent biography, *Eric Metaxas*, was reviewed by Bishop Charles Chaput, who comments, "Bonhoffer longed for a more robust sense of 'Church,' which Catholics and many Lutherans seemed to have lost. We live in a time when freedom of religion, rights of conscience, the integrity of Christian life and witness are once again slowly weakening." From Bonhoffer himself; "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak, not to act is to act."

## Prayerful Witness

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, presents a double opportunity for pro-life witness. From 9-10 a.m., we will pray at Planned Parenthood, 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust Sts. During the six months of 2010, 3,045 children perished there. From 10-11 a.m., we will be at Pennsylvania Hospital, 8<sup>th</sup> & Spruce, the leading abortion hospital in S.E. Pa. Be there!

## Let's Keep It Up!

This creative billboard has been on the Pa. Turnpike between Philadelphia and Harrisburg for two years, where thousands observe it daily. Financial help is required. Please send a donation to Helen MacMinn, 2020 Chestnut Hill Rd., Mohnton, PA 19540. Let's keep this message on the Turnpike!



## An Incredible Woman

Dr. Mildred Jefferson has gone to her eternal reward. She was 84. Despite growing up in poverty in Texas, she became the first black woman to secure an M.D. (1951) from Harvard Medical School. Her contribution to the pro-life movement was a mighty one, serving as the President of the National Right to Life Committee for three years after helping to found it in the early 70s. She once wrote, "I am at once a physician, a citizen and a woman, and I am not willing to stand aside and allow this concept of expendable human lives to turn this great land of ours into just another exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged and the planned have the right to live."

## Memorial Crosses

The display of Memorial Crosses is a powerful sign of the abortion tragedy. It dramatically reminds all of its depravity and its terrible scope. Accompanying signs advise that each cross represents one million surgical abortions since *Roe v. Wade*. Now, 55 crosses are needed.

Often those who observe this display shake their heads in disbelief that this catastrophe could be inflicted on so many American mothers and children. One mother has placed flowers at the display as she lamented an earlier abortion.

We ask all to visit their pastor and request that the display be made at their church. This diabolical carnage must be brought to the public. After securing your pastor's permission, call us to make arrangements. Every Christian church should show these crosses.

## Christmas Crèche

For 14 years, the incredible Bethlehem scene has been shown in Center City. This year, it will be displayed in Love Park, across from City Hall. It will be dedicated on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Msgr. Arthur Rodgers will preside. Join this beautiful ceremony as we pray for the Peace of Christ in the City.

## Urgent Need to Contact Sen. Casey to Stop Abortions At Military Hospitals

U.S. Sen. Reid and other pro-abortion Senators are continuing their efforts to strike the ban on abortions at military hospitals. Within two weeks, a Defense Authorization Bill with the "Burriss Amendment" will receive a vote. This effort failed in October 2010, when these pro-abortion leaders only gained 57 of the necessary 60 votes to overcome a filibuster against this bill. The outcome of the upcoming vote remains uncertain because some Senators might change their vote.

In October 2010, Sen. Casey voted against this filibuster thus supporting abortions in military hospitals. Please call and write Sen. Casey ASAP. Urge him to support the filibuster to defeat this bill. His contact information is 202-224-6324; 393 Russell Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; e-mail by visiting [www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov).

## Pro-Life Legislative Agenda 2011

At this time, we list some of our priorities. Now is the time for you to contact your state and federal legislators. Let them know of your desires and what our society must have.

### State

Cancel funding for "Family Planning"  
Stop funds for Planned Parenthood  
Protection of Marriage  
Opt-Out of Obamacare

### Federal

Stop All Abortion Funding— Domestic & Foreign  
Stop All "Family Planning"—Domestic & Foreign  
Repeal of Obamacare