



PRO-LIFE UNION

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

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join the Pro-Life Union and others as we celebrate Life on **Sunday, March 11th** at the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Pro-Life Union is in division 9 and if you wish to walk with us, please meet our group at 20th and Arch Streets between 1 and 1:30 p.m. For more info, call us at 215-885-8150.

Rally for Religious Freedom

Please join the Pro-Life Union on **Friday March 23rd** at Noon at Independence Hall. We will join other citizens nationwide to stand up for Life and religious freedom. Thousands of Americans of all faiths will be participating in these rallies across the nation to oppose the new mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This mandate requires all employers provide free contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs through their health plans.

Religious leaders and other public figures will speak out against the HHS Mandate at Independence Hall. Participants will hold signs and offer hymns and prayers for our nation and pass out literature to the public about why the HHS Mandate is unconstitutional and un-American.

Please join us and call our office with questions! Visit www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com for more information on the Nationwide effort and on the HHS Mandate.

No Change

The Obama edict that abortifacients, sterilization and contraceptives must be covered by all insurance providers has been entered into the Federal Register. (It's the law!) Readers recognize that alleged compromises are not factual. Many religious leaders are speaking out forcefully on this attack against religious freedom. Contraception and abortion are not healthcare and neither the Obama Administration nor their comrades in the abortion industry can require citizens to violate their consciences. The HHS Mandate is being fought via bills in the House and Senate. We encourage our readers to contact their elected representatives. Please visit www.pacatholic.org for the latest updates.

Contraception Connection

Thanks to Obama, contraception is in the news. Perhaps the longtime scientific data of the harm to women might surface. Data not from "those people in the Vatican," but from the World Health Organization, the Mayo clinic and even a few lines in the NY Times. Consider one item – Since 1975, there has been a 400% rise in breast cancer among pre-menopausal women mirroring the increased use of contraceptive drugs in those years.

Great News from Generation Life!

Generation Life reminds us that chastity encompasses more than just abstinence. It is the virtue of purity in all our thoughts, words and actions, including saving all sexually intimate acts for marriage. Chastity is the authentic expression of our masculinity and femininity.

On March 5th, 6th & 8th, Gen Life will once again be taking their popular *8th Grade Chastity Day* Program to thousands of students in the Bronx, NY. This interactive, multimedia presentation empowers young people to reject the lies propagated by the media and grants them access to true freedom and joy. (Registration has already begun for Philadelphia *Chastity Days*, scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.)

Sharing this exciting mission of pro-life and chastity education, Cristina Barba, Megan Mastroianni and Will Panagakos will be representing Gen Life on EWTN's *Life on the Rock* the night of March 22nd. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to witness to the Truth and work to end abortion at its root cause! Visit Gen Life at www.generationlife.org.

Komen Retreat

After announcing that they would no longer fund Planned Parenthood (PP), Komen quickly retreated. While collecting funds to "work against breast cancer," they will continue to send huge funds to PP, the largest abortion company in the country. The Komen Foundation continues to deny the link between abortion and breast cancer. The reversal of Komen indicates the power that PP has in our culture. Social media was used on behalf of PP and big players also got involved. NYC Mayor Bloomberg, 26 Democrat Senators, the *LA Times*, the *NY Post* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* all advocated for Planned Parenthood.

NFP Conference

On Saturday, March 24th, this important event will take place at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 611 Knowles Avenue, Southampton. Registration and Continental Breakfast is from 8:00-8:45 a.m. Beginning at 9 a.m., a number of appropriate lectures will take place concerning the Anthropology of Man, *Humanae Vitae*, Theology of the Body, NaPro Technology and Contraception. The speakers are bona fide experts. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For additional information about the Conference and its speakers, please visit www.pnfpn.org and www.peterjcolosi.com.

A Life Saved in Warminster

Since it's opening in 2000, the Warminster Planned Parenthood has been responsible for the deaths of 12,000 children. A young couple recently entered PP for an abortion. Bob and Mary, from India, have two children and Bob had been unable to find work. This third pregnancy had been difficult and they believed abortion was their only choice. On the way into PP, pro-life people were able to give them the number to the pregnancy hotline. Miraculously, Bob called and was able to speak to a counselor. This father was told that his rent would be paid and that help was available. His wife was already in the waiting room, so the counselor encouraged Bob to go inside to save their child. He did, and miraculously, on St. Valentine's Day, their son was born!

You can make a difference.

Protestants – 2nd Saturday, Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Catholics – (The Rosary will be prayed after each of these Masses. **Location in parentheses**

2nd Friday – 9 am Mass – St. John Chrysostom, 615 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford (RHCC)

3rd Friday – 8 am Mass – Nativity of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)

1st Saturday – 7 am Mass – Christ The King, Morell & Chesterfield (PP Comly & Blvd.)

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2nd Saturday – 9 am Mass – Newman Chapel, U of P, 38th & Chest (Penn Family Care, 39th & Chestnut)

3rd Saturday – 7 am Mass – St. John, 13th & Market (PP 12th & Locust)

4th Saturday – 6:30-8:30 am – Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry



Warminster Outreach



**Stop
Abortion
in
Warminster**

The Pro-Life Union and the Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition are renewing efforts in Warminster Township. The purpose of this effort is to stop abortion at the PP in Warminster. This project is long-term and your support is needed. Lawn signs like the one pictured are available. If you would like to get involved or you live in the Warminster area and are willing to place a sign on your lawn, please call 215-885-4237. For more info on this effort please visit www.prolifeunion.org.

Harrisburg Activity

H.B. 1077, the "Woman's Right to Know" bill was introduced in the Pa. House with some 120 co-sponsors. It provides that a mother about to undergo an abortion must be offered to observe the sonogram of her child. The Pa. House Health Committee voted it out 15-7, with two not voting. Local Reps. Frank Farry, John Myers, Vanessa Brown, Mark Cohen, Ron Waters and Pamela DeLissio voted no. Kevin Boyle and John Sabatina did not vote. We expect a vote soon in the House and then passage in the Senate.

H.B. 1434 – Marriage Protection – is written, but still not introduced. Please contact House Leader Michael Turazi at 717-772-9943 and ask him to take action now. It's long overdue.

H.B. 383 still needs action. It provides conscience rights for medical personnel. The bill to de-fund entities that counsel for or provide abortions is still unwritten. The Governor (717-787-2500) still permits Stephen Brigham to operate in Pa. He has violated Pa. regulations. A call from Gov. Corbett could end Brigham's career in Pa.

PP Investigation

Rep. Cliff Sterns continues to chair the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee investigating the financial activity of PP. There is ample reason to believe that during a six-year period, PP received **\$2.2 billion** from U.S. taxpayers, but account for only \$657 million. The Live Action investigations, led by Lila Rose, furnish much damaging data. Komen cited this investigation in their one day withdrawal of PP funding, but then concluded it was just a "political" investigation. No less than 96 members of Congress seek to stop the inquiry. When this Committee completes its work and issues its damning report, the White House and its media will black it out, but pro-lifers must take it to the four corners.

Go See October Baby!

This new movie was inspired by the incredible story of Gianna Jessen, who learned that while a pre-born, she miraculously escaped being aborted. It tells the story of college student Hannah, who seeks to find her birth mother and learns that she too was scheduled to be killed. When co-director Jon Erwin contracted actress Shari Rigby to play a role, she asked, "How did you know?" Twenty years ago, she had an abortion. Mr. Erwin knew nothing of it. Rigby reports that doing the film brought her a miraculous healing. "Christ met me at the well and forgave me." October baby will open at the Neshaminy Theater on March 23rd. Go see this movie and raise your spirits. Visit www.octoberbabymovie.net.



Attacking Marriage

Pres. Obama's "finding" that marriage is "unconstitutional" is spurring more states to assault the institution of marriage. Washington is now the 7th state to join in this blasphemous work against God, human dignity and family. New Jersey and others remain on the brink. Will our nation awaken?