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UPDATE

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Stand Up For Religious Freedom Rally



Radio host Dom Giordano address a crowd of thousands at the Stand Up For Religious Freedom Rally at Independence Hall.

Thousands of citizens came to Independence Hall on Friday, March 23rd. One observer noted that women were easily our majority. Teens, college age students and families were all present and proud to stand up for religious freedom. God sent His sunshine to warm His people. They responded with the ringing chorus of America the Beautiful, My Country Tis of Thee and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. At least 1,000 small American flags waved in the sun.

As noted by the speakers, the location was so appropriate. Our Founding Fathers knew and proclaimed that our freedom comes from God and not the state. Pres. Obama has another belief. The female speakers were greatly appreciated, as they assailed the HHS mandate. The Philadelphia rally was organized by local women who spoke passionately

against the notion that abortion, contraception and sterilization are healthcare. The signs that read "Stand Up For Religious Freedom," "Stop Your War on Catholics" and "We Stand With Our Bishops. The Philadelphia rally was part of a nationwide, 54,000 person effort to oppose the HHS mandate and the Obama Administration's attack on liberty. For all of us, it was a good day that encouraged us to return to our noble beginnings. The Roman Catholic Bishops of Pa. have stated that the mandate "must not stand" and called on Catholic people to fast and pray on Friday, March 30th. We did not pick this fight, but neither will we run from it. For more information, visit www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com.

Holy Week – Philly Mission

Mission Youth will conduct public services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Families are invited. Come to St. Patrick Church, 20th & Locust, on Thursday between 2 and 3 p.m. Rosaries, prayer cards and Holy Week information will be distributed to pedestrians around Rittenhouse Square. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's.

On Good Friday, prayers will be offered at Planned Parenthood from 9-10 a.m. Three Crosses will be taken through the City by three different teams from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, beginning and ending at St. Patrick's. At 1 p.m., they will conduct Living Stations of the Cross from St. Patrick's to the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, where they will join the Archbishop for a commemoration of Our Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. For more info, call 267-718-4851. We encourage you to participate.

Lord - Let Justice Spring Up

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.)

1st Saturday – 8 am Mass – St. Agnes, West Chester (PP West Chester)

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

Contact Rep. Boehner

The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Commission, chaired by Rep. Cliff Sterns has yet to begin its formal audit of Planned Parenthood's finances. Allegations of massive fraud are numerous. While at least 90 members of Congress are fighting to stop the inquiry, the majority should have their way. Contact Rep. John Boehner and encourage him to protect Life and Family. Fiscal honesty is needed. 202-225-6205 or e-mail boehner@house.gov.

Remember Terri

On March 31, 2005, Terri Schiavo passed away after being denied nutrition and hydration for 14 days. None of us should forget Terri or her story. Let us all pause to remember and pray for those facing similar death sentences. Terri's family and friends continue to advocate for medically-dependent persons with disabilities and the incapacitated who face life-threatening situations. They do this through the organization, www.terrisfight.org. We encourage all of you to support them.

Upcoming Events

☞ The good men of the Knight of Columbus, Notre Dame Counsel, have again arranged a benefit for the Pro-Life Union on April 21st, at Applebees, 1281 Knapp Rd., North Wales, from 8-10 a.m. For just \$7 per person, you can enjoy an **All You Can Eat Breakfast** of coffee, juice, flapjacks and sausage. Call Chris Cooper at 215-872-6036 for advance tickets and additional information.

☞ Catholics United For Life is sponsoring a **Day of Recollection** at St. Charles Seminary on Saturday, April 21st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cardinal Leo Burke will celebrate Mass and deliver the homily. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Adults - \$40, students - \$15. Call 215-247-2585 to register.

☞ The **Reading/Berks March For Life** will be held on Sunday, May 20th from 2-5 p.m. It will begin at the Berks Catholic High School Football Stadium with prayer, music and inspired talks. Contact Helen MacMinn at hmacminn@gmail.com or call 610-582-1075 for more information.

☞ Join the Catholic Business Professional on April 17th for an evening of networking at Malvern Retreat House. This free event begins at 5:30pm, the speaker is Jim Murray, former GM of the Philadelphia Eagles and Co-Founder of Ronald McDonald House. Visit www.catholicpros.com.

Pa. Budget

Last year, we expressed our disappointment to Gov. Corbett when it was learned that "Family Planning" funds were included in the Budget. Most of the funds were federal and had been negotiated previously by then Gov. Rendell. We were told that after one year, such funding would be discontinued. Now we are told that some \$102 million (state and federal) are in the new 6-30-13 budget. As we work against this attack on our families and our young, contact the Governor. Be clear in your outrage that tax payer funds should not be used to distribute contraception and that 'family planning' programs have been a massive failure. Contact Gov. Tom Corbett at www.governor.state.pa.us or 717-787-2500.

Harrisburg

H.B. 1077 – "Woman's Right to Know" bill provides that abortion companies offer an ultrasound to each mother planning to abort. Abortion forces were effective in circulating untruths about the bill. A mother is not forced to view the ultrasound. A vaginal ultrasound may be chosen by the abortionist, but is not specified by the bill. We look for the lead sponsor, Rep. Katherine Rapp, to get the bill moving.

* The Dept. of Health has taken action against Stephen Brigham, yet this notorious abortionist remains active in Pennsylvania. More action is needed.

Warminster Revival

The revival continues with petition signings taking place at area churches. Lawn signs reading "Stop Abortion in Warminster" are available. Planned Parenthood has killed over 11,100 American children at their Louis Drive abortuary. The entire property is a condominium, largely occupied by offices, including offices occupied by the Bucks County government. In reality it makes Bucks County a virtual partner in the abortions that are committed at Louis Drive. To date, the County Commissioners have declined to face the problem. Litigation is the option remaining.

Briefs

▶ Fiscal issues cannot be separated from social issues. Illegitimacy is now at 41% in the U.S., it was 11% in 1970. Each of these children is born without a mother and father working together. This is a gross injustice to the child and to the Common Good. All citizens now must fund the raising of children with negligent and/or missing fathers. Morality does impact fiscal conditions. For more information on this important topic, please visit www.familyfacts.org.

▶ Some Oxford Univ. ethicists are promoting the legalization of infanticide. They opine that newborns are "potential persons," and parents should have the right to kill their children after birth. This opinion is offensive to many who consider themselves "pro-choice," but in reality, it is the logical extension of the Culture of Death.

▶ A lawsuit has been filed against a Planned Parenthood entity in Texas for submitting 87,000 false Medicaid claims worth \$6 million. Involved in bringing the suit is Abby Johnson, ex-PP employee, who heard the Lord's call and converted.

▶ Pres. Obama has defunded the Snow Flake babies program. Federal funds of \$2 million had been used to subsidize the adoption of frozen embryos resulting from IVF programs. During one 5 year period, 1,900 of these embryos were born into adopting families.

▶ Legislators in Virginia have passed legislation that permits adoption agencies to refrain from placing children with same-gender couples posing as being married. Thought to be a state issue, the President issued a critical statement, "...we must ensure adoption rights for all couples and individuals... not based on discriminatory and irrelevant factors." Study after study confirms that children thrive in a two-parent family with a mother and a father.

It's So Easy

It takes but a few moments to dress your auto with a pro-life license plate. You will be sending a message for Life to so many thousands. You will also help our local Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPC). With a one-time charge of \$44 (\$24 to the state and \$20 to a CPC), you will directly be assisting our great cause. Visit www.pachoose-life.org or call 215-266-5127.