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UPDATE

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St. Patrick's Parade



The Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is the oldest annual celebration of this great Saint! The Pro-Life Union walks in this parade each year to honor our Irish Heritage and spread the Culture of Life. The Parade will be held on Sunday, March 10th. Our contingent is one of the lead groups in the parade so please plan to join us and witness to our "Pro-Life Pride." We will meet promptly at 11 a.m. on the north side of JFK Boulevard between 16th and 17th Streets, and we will finish marching by 12:30 at the latest. Bring friends and family for this fun day! Call our office for information.

Ryan Bomberger

Ryan Bomberger is the leader of the Radiance Foundation. He is a powerful advocate for life and adoption. This Black artist and musician often refers to the NAACP as the National Association for the Abortion of Colored People. The NAACP has taken legal action against Mr. Bomberger, while the Alliance Defense Fund is defending him. Say a prayer for Mr. Bomberger and visit www.theradiancefoundation.org.

Immune to the Recession

Planned Parenthood of S.E. Pa. continues to do well in a poor economic climate. Per their 6-30-2011 IRS 990, their net assets increased from \$14,473,1874 to \$16,258,227. Their salaries totaled \$9,493,592. Their contracted abortionists also made out well; Lee Tripp - \$566,334 and Charles Benjamin - \$329,810. Planned Parenthood's total income was \$5,459,022. Over one million was collected from citizen taxes sent to PP by federal, state and city agencies. During the calendar year of 2011, 9,463 children were killed in Philadelphia by Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood in the U.S.

Their latest annual report (2011) indicates that they committed 333,964 abortions, another increase. They received \$542 million in taxpayer funds. Their net assets now total \$1.2 billion. They also wish all of their affiliates to commit abortions. Ask your elected officials, "Why are you funding Planned Parenthood?"

More Abortions in Philly

Some years ago, Philadelphia City Council proclaimed the City to be "pro-choice." Now, the Philadelphia Board of Health is calling for more public funding of abortion and, no surprise, more funds for "family planning." It is said that people get the government they deserve. We disagree. No one deserves government this bad.

War on Traditional Marriage

Clear your calendar. On Tuesday, March 26th, there will be a **March for Marriage** in D.C. defending traditional marriage. In January, there was a similar rally in France with over one million citizens defending traditional marriage. It has been reported that President Obama may intervene in the California case where citizens voted to recognize marriage for what it is - a natural union between one man and one woman. Anti-marriage forces have gone to federal court. Twenty-nine states have prohibited homosexual marriage, 9 states have allowed same-sex marriage.

RIP Mike Schwartz

This great pro-life leader passed away at the age of 63 on February 3, 2013. With great pride, we remember that he was a native of Montgomery County. From his early days as a student, he was a fearless warrior for life. Before *Roe v. Wade*, he founded "Sons of Thunder" and conducted a sit-in at a D.C. abortion facility. During the most recent years, he worked for U.S. Senator Coburn, who on the Senate Floor, stated Mike was "one of the kindest, gentlest people anyone has ever met." The Family Research Council, Family Life Council and Latin American Alliance for the Family praised his life of service. We pray that many now finishing their studies will emulate this wonderful follower of Jesus.

Prayer will always be the best way to bring about a Culture of Life.

Please attend these Vigils and ask the Creator for His help.

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 – 8:30 am Mass – Newman Chapel at 38th & Chest (U of P Hospital: 34th & Spruce)

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

4th Saturday – 6:30-8:45 am – Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry

March For Life

For this year's March, a company was hired to make a crowd count. We reported 500,000 in February, but the counting company reports that 650,000 were on hand. There were many special memories of this incredible day. One was the delegation from the Virgin Islands while another was the 7 busloads of defenders of life coming from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.

We Salute...

The Catholic Medical Association for their recent radio ads in which they report the great harm done to women who used contraceptives. You can listen to the Radio Ads and learn more about the CMA by visiting www.cathmed.org. There is a war on women's health perpetrated by promiscuity, contraceptives and abortion.

Help Wanted

The greater Philadelphia area is uniquely blessed by the work of the Legacy of Life Foundation and the Pro-Life Union has partnered with them. Two centers in our area are reaching out to women facing crisis pregnancies. When women experience counseling at the centers, their fears and concerns literally melt away when they hear the truth about abortion and the help that is available. These centers are in need of support, supplies and volunteers. Training is available. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this work.

Contact: siohban@legacyoflifefoundation.org. Call 215-788-4051 or visit www.legacyoflifefoundation.org



Planned Parenthood in Upper Darby



In February, PP closed its office in Yeadon and opened one in Upper Darby. The outraged Upper Darby citizens who were not consulted took the streets to stand against Planned Parenthood. and for women and families. On Saturday, February 23rd, over 100 pro-life people celebrated Mass and then processed from St. Laurence Church to the PP facility where they continued with prayer and song, speaking for Life and for families. Call Ted Meehan at 610-804-3285.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, Monday, March 25th, pro-life citizens will gather again at PP 7200 Chestnut Street Upper Darby. A pro-life Rally will be held with speakers and song. We will then visit local officials explaining the problems with Planned Parenthood.

Celebrating Life and Hope

Archbishop Charles Chaput will celebrate "The National Memorial Mass for Terri's Day," established in 2007 by the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, on Friday, April 5th, 2013 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street & the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Governor Sarah Palin will be the honored speaker at the Award Gala and dinner following the mass, scheduled to begin at 6:30pm at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. During the gala, the inaugural "Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Award" will be presented to an individual or family who fought to protect the dignity of a loved one. Terri's Day was established by Terri Schiavo's family to remember her and foster education, prayer and activism regarding discrimination against the cognitively disabled, and advocacy for people in situations similar to what Terri and her family faced. For more information or to purchase tickets for the gala and dinner with Governor Palin, visit Terri's Life & Hope Network's website at www.lifeandhope.com.

Mandate Shell Game

A year ago, the President issued his HHS Mandate indicating that all employers must furnish "health insurance" that covers abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilization. Many firms and organizations went to court. The RC Church and others advised the White House, "No way!" A few weeks ago, the Administration issued an 80 page modification, stating it satisfied questions concerning religious freedom. *It didn't*, and the White House has been told such. As writer Robert Lockwood of *Our Sunday Visitor* put it, "I don't think the Obama Administration blinked. I think it poked the Church in the eye once again."

In Other News...

- ☞ Marian "Doc" Hite of Portland passed away at age 101. He prayed at PP daily for 5 hours 6 days a week.
- ☞ Late-term abortionist, Leroy Carhart, has killed another mother. This time, a 29 year old in Germantown, MD. The state had given him permission to do 3rd trimester abortions.
- ☞ Americans United For Life has named Pennsylvania state as the 3rd most pro-life state.
- ☞ The *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* as concluded that a single induced abortion results in 36% increased odds of a subsequent pre-term birth.

Drive for Life

Yes, place a Pro-Life Plate on your auto and thousands will see it. As a local pastor opined, while waiting at a red light, the car behind you may hold a woman who is contemplating abortion and she may change her mind. Spread the wonderful message of Life. For a **one-time** charge of just \$44 (\$24 to PennDot and \$20 to a pregnancy center), you can deliver a beautiful message to hundreds of thousands. Visit www.pachoose-life.org or call 215-885-2919. Please, do it now!