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### All the Difference in the World

On December 27, a young mother called our Hotline in tears because she could not imagine going through with the abortion she had scheduled. Like so many others, Diane was confused and overwhelmed. A week before, she had been given a brochure with our Hotline Number (610-626-4006) by a volunteer who had been praying at Planned Parenthood on Comly Road. After talking with the Hotline counselor and visiting a pregnancy center in Philadelphia, she chose to continue her pregnancy. Women need to know that there is tangible help for them and their baby and that someone will listen and understand. We are not certain who the sidewalk counselor was who gave Diane the brochure on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, but we know that their sacrifice and witness made the difference. So, this January, we encourage you to join us for prayer and sidewalk counseling as we mark the *Roe v. Wade* anniversary.

- ☞ January 18<sup>th</sup> - Pro-Life Vigil at PP, 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral Chapel. Immediately following Mass, a Pro-Life Summit will be held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ☞ January 20<sup>th</sup> - Join the Pro-Life Union and Generation Life to pray and witness at Planned Parenthood on 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust Streets. Our Vigil will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m.
- ☞ January 22<sup>nd</sup> - For those not able to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, Consider a day of prayer and penance at Malvern Retreat House with Father Philip Bochanski, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$35.00 per person - includes danish & coffee and a sit-down lunch **More Information:** Call 610-644-0400 or visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).
- ☞ January 22<sup>nd</sup> – March For Life, Washington, D.C. – visit [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org). If you wish information on a bus leaving from Jenkintown, call Pat Stanton at 267-718-4851.

### Works of Mercy

Most of the women entering an abortion facility are full of uncertainty and doubt. Abortion seems like the best option, so many do not know what to do. When pro-life brochures are distributed at abortion facilities, women can be moved from doubt to trust and be confident there are people who will help them and their child. The brochures also “instruct the ignorant” because so many people still do not understand the humanity of the unborn child. By sharing the truth, women are brought from darkness to light.

- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - 8 a.m. Mass – Nativity of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)
- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 8:30 a.m. Mass – St. Laurence, Upper Darby (PP Upper Darby)  
7 a.m. Mass – Christ the King, Morell & Chesterfield (PP Comly & Blvd.)  
8 a.m. Mass – St. Agnes, West Chester (PP West Chester)
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 8:30 a.m. Mass, Newman Chapel, U of P, 38<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut (Univ. of Pa., 3451 Walnut, Phila.)
- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 7 a.m. Mass – St. John, 13<sup>th</sup> & Market (PP, 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust)
- ✚ 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 6:30-9:00 a.m. – Philadelphia Women’s Center, 8<sup>th</sup> & Cherry

### Life & Hope Award Gala

The 2014 Life & Hope Award Gala will feature honored speaker, Mr. Glenn Beck. The Gala will be held at The Union League of Philadelphia, located at 140 South Broad Street in downtown Philadelphia and is scheduled to begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets are for sale for \$150/per person and a table of 10 people for \$1,500. Contact us at 1.855.300.HOPE (4673) or [events@lifeandhope.com](mailto:events@lifeandhope.com). Or visit [www.lifeandhopeaward.com](http://www.lifeandhopeaward.com).



### News From the Gianna Center

The Gianna Center for Women’s Health and Fertility shared a story with us recently. A young woman took RU486 as a means to kill her child. Immediately afterwards, she felt profound regret. She called the Gianna Center and they were able to treat her and save her child. A healthy baby boy was delivered. Any woman who calls 877-558-0333 can receive the same caring treatment. To learn more about the Gianna Center, visit [www.saintpetershcs.com/giannacenter/](http://www.saintpetershcs.com/giannacenter/).

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## Pro-Life News Briefs

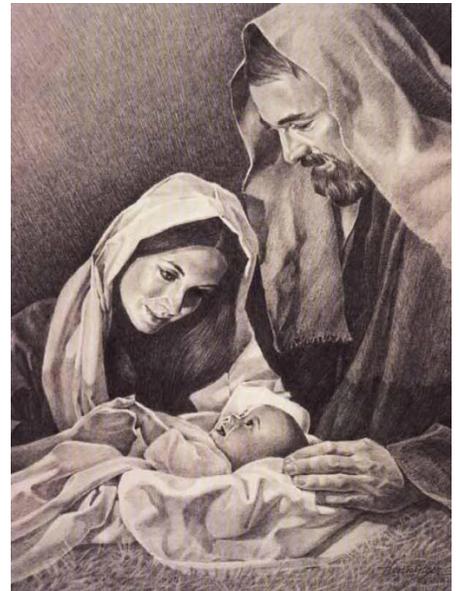
- ✓ There are 89 lawsuits challenging the Obama Administration's HHS Mandate, which would force companies, colleges and religious institutions to pay for birth control and abortifacient drugs in employee health plans. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to accept the suit filed by Hobby Lobby Inc., possibly in March 2014.
- ✓ A former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Ellen Sauerbrey, has again pointed out that the UN continues to promote a Culture of Death. At its beginning, the UN declared that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person... the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society." These principles have been rejected as the UN promotes abortion and population control, particularly in Third World countries. Funds to promote this agenda come from Rockefeller, Gates, Ford and Hewlett Packard Foundations.
- ✓ It has been reported that in the U.S., Canada, Italy and the UK, few doctors are willing to perform abortions.
- ✓ Why do Labor Unions support abortion? Local 98, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has donated \$100,000 to Allyson Schwartz. Schwartz not only supports abortion but directed an abortion company in Philadelphia for 8 years.

## Lily's Gift

Our own pro-life blogger, Marybeth Hagan, has written a piece for Columbia Magazine's January edition. To read the piece, visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>. The article focuses on a wonderful ministry here in Philadelphia, "Lily's Gift", which helps couples facing a poor pre-natal diagnosis. To learn more about Lily's Gift visit [www.lilysgift.org](http://www.lilysgift.org).

## Marriage and Family Life

In a recent blog post on the Feast of the Holy Family, Msgr. Charles Pope noted that *"It is not difficult to demonstrate that most of our modern problems center around struggles and misunderstandings regarding marriage, sexuality, and the family."* In our own City, over 60% of children are born without a father in the home and in their life. The unmarried birthrate continues to increase across the nation. The reality is that children need and deserve a mother and father raising them together. This situation gives children the best chance for a happy, healthy life and it gives men and women the best chance at watching joyfully as their children grow into adults. Many families can succeed outside of the norm of a two-parent family, but it is dangerous and unfair to our society to base our laws on those remarkable exceptions. Msgr. continues on in his post *"the best environment for any child is to be raised in what nature, and nature's God has set forth. Namely: that there should be a father and a mother, a male and female, who form a stable, committed, and lasting bond where their children can be formed in a safe environment of trust and learn the male and female genius of being human."* Those of us who acknowledge this truth about family and children are called to share it with our community and civic leaders, especially as society continues to dilute this honest truth. To read Monsignor's blog, visit [www.blog.adw.org](http://www.blog.adw.org).



## ACLU Sues the USCCB

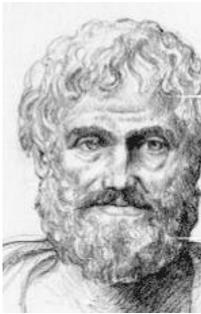
The U.S. Committee of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been sued by the ACLU, an organization strongly opposed to Christianity and a promoter of abortion prior to *Roe v. Wade*. The ACLU wants the Bishops to allow Catholic Hospitals to commit abortion. They cite the case of Tamesha Means, from Michigan. Her water broke at 18 weeks and she entered Mercy Health Hospital. The ACLU states that she should have been advised to terminate the pregnancy because of her medical condition. Her child did die after a miscarriage. The ACLU said that the suit is about "a nationwide policy created by non-medical professions that is putting patients in harm's way."

## Faces of Famous Adoptees from All Walks of Life

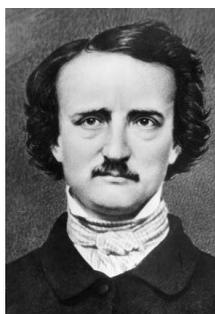
The Winter Issue of "Lifelines," a publication of the PA Pro-Life Federation, addressed the issue of adoption. Pa. Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley and his wife Suzanne were personally touched by adoption in their own family. You may have heard Suzanne Cawley in a recent campaign highlighting the work of the PA Statewide adoption network which seeks to find homes for children in need. Adoption is an often overlooked, but is a beautiful option and touches every type of life.



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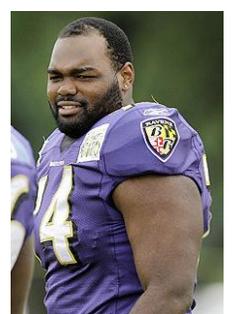
Edgar Allan Poe



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Steve Jobs



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