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Father's Day 2015

Guided by a commitment to the sanctity of every life, the Pro-Life Union fosters a cohesive vision and strategy for a Culture of Life in Greater Philadelphia. Our beliefs are incarnated in the context of the family and through service to those making the choice for life. We work in the four areas of the pro-life movement: outreach, education, public affairs, and alternatives.

Celebrate Fatherhood

The Pro-Life Union celebrates the gift of fatherhood and honors the men who courageously live out their vocation to protect the children whom God places in their care. The role of a father has an incredible, long-lasting impact on our lives. Men and fathers are needed in efforts to restore the sanctity of life. No law can take away the role a caring, committed father can play in saving the life of an unborn child.



Attention Men by Bob Biggs

Referencing a bit of football history, the first “Hail Mary play” is recorded to have occurred on October 28, 1922 in the Notre Dame vs. Georgia Tech contest. The “Fighting Irish” players said the prayer together before each touchdown. The term became famous when Dallas Cowboy player Roger Staubach replied, when asked about the touchdown that won the game, “I closed my eyes and said a Hail Mary.” Since then, the term has been used in football to describe a last ditch, desperate effort to throw the ball to no particular target and pray that one of your players catches it for a touchdown. The Blessed Mother has always been one to answer the prayers of her children.

Now it's your turn. Show your spirit and engage the Spirit by starting a personal winning rosary string. Pray one Hail Mary every day. Say it with your family, say it for the family. Start today, not tomorrow, and expect grace beyond measure.

Tim Tebow



In April, the Philadelphia Eagles signed Tim Tebow. There is no denying that his story is a powerful story of life. Pam and Bob Tebow were serving as missionaries in the Philippines when Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, caused by contaminated food or drink. After she had slipped into a coma, it was discovered that Pam was pregnant. Doctors urged her to abort, explaining that the strong antibiotics she had been given would have already harmed the baby. Pam refused. On August 14, 1987, Tim Tebow was born. The former University of Florida quarterback and winner of the Heisman Trophy went on to play in the NFL and speaks about the Lord and the sanctity of human life. Welcome to Philly, Tim! We're glad that you were born.

End of Life Issues Seminar

In May, the Pro-Life Union hosted an End of Life Issues Seminar. The Seminar was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the doctors, nurses and healthcare workers in attendance gave great insight to the challenges faced when addressing end of life issues. A Fact Sheet was created and is available from our office. Call us at 215-885-8150.

Upcoming Events

- June 18th: St. Andrew, Newtown. A screening of “A Quiet Revolution” and talk by Dr. Monique Ruberu. Event sponsored by FertilityCare Friends Philadelphia. Visit www.fertilitycarefriends.org or call (267) 342-2512.
- July 18th: Pro-Life Vigil, Mass and Summit. Vigil at 7:30am at Planned Parenthood 12th & Locust. Mass at 9am at the Cathedral Chapel with a Summit “Celebrating Family” immediately following at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.
- September 17th: Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia Annual Open Board Meeting.
- Save the Date: September 23, 2015 for a Pro-Life Event at the World Meeting of Families.

Stand Up for Life Dinner

The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is excited to announce that Damon Owens, Executive Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, will be our guest speaker for the 2015 *Stand Up For Life Dinner* on November 22nd at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. Damon is an internationally known speaker at conferences, seminars, and universities on the good news of marriage, sexuality, and adoption. We sell out early, so watch for reservation details on our website.

Protecting Life

The House of Representatives voted for the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act on May 13th. While the President has threatened a veto, the public's support of the measure is encouraging. Congressman Chris Smith said "Fresh impetus for the bill came from a huge study of nearly 5,000 babies—preemies—published last week in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The next day, a New York Times article titled: 'Premature Babies May Survive at 22 Weeks if Treated' touted the Journal's extraordinary findings of survival and hope. Thus, the babies we seek to protect from harm today may survive if treated humanely, with expertise and compassion—not the cruelty of the abortion."

Getting to know the Pro-Life Union

The Pro-Life Union is unique in the way that we are involved in four areas that are critical to the Culture of Life. We recognize that strengthening the area's network of alternatives to abortion will allow women and families to choose life. We partner with all those committed to providing a true continuum of care for women, children and families. Our pregnancy hotline reaches those in crisis and we provide direct aid for those we encounter and offer our financial support for pregnancy homes. We are greatly blessed by our ongoing partnership with the Guiding Star Program, which offers housing, guidance and support to women who are experiencing homelessness because of their pregnancy. We are really excited to move forward with an expansion of this effort.

The Pro-Life Union is also involved in outreach through sidewalk counseling and sponsoring public events. Our newest billboard is currently displayed in the heart of Philadelphia. Our Memorial Cross display has been seen at over fifty churches and public places this year. We hosted a successful end of life seminar in Philadelphia and sidewalk counseling training at our office in Oreland. We join with statewide pro-life groups in Harrisburg to advance pro-life and pro-family efforts and our priority in public affairs has been the enforcement of the already existing laws regulating abortion.



You Can Help the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia

- Pray for us and our efforts in building a Culture of Life.
- Get involved in one of our priority areas or perhaps become a contact person for your church. Call our office or send us an email and we will connect you with a way that your gifts can best be used.
- Tell your friends about us, our mission and our plan to restore a Culture of Life in Greater Philadelphia.
- Make a gift to support our work and the women and families that we serve.

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