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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.

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Standing Up for Life

On November 22nd, the prolife community gathered for the 34th year to celebrate life at our annual Stand Up for Life Dinner! The Ballroom at the Sheraton was packed and it was a particular joy to have so many families join us this year. Damon Owens gave a resounding address to the crowd, encouraging all of us to stay involved. We celebrated the efforts of our award recipients, Dr. Bob O'Hara of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and Dr. Doris Fernandes for her defense of religious freedom.

Your support of the Pro Life Union makes the Dinner a success each year. We are thrilled to have so many young adults, grade school and high school students join us at the event. Visit our website for more pictures and information!



Help is a Phone Call Away

The Pro Life Union manages the area local pregnancy hotline. This is a great resource for women in need and the number is familiar to many - 610.626.4006. Many churches list the number in their bulletins or on signs outside of their buildings. Brochures distributed throughout the area encourage women to call for help. Just last week, a vulnerable woman, "Anne" from the Norristown area called. She had been given the brochure outside of the Planned Parenthood. She was crying when she called and simply needed to be encouraged to continue her pregnancy. She was relieved after talking with the hotline volunteer who gave her the resources she needed. Over the next few months, our advertising effort will expand and volunteers will be needed. Training is offered and the calls can be forwarded to your cell or home phone during your scheduled hours. Please email efinnegan@prolifeunion.org for details and information!



Annual Christmas Crèche Blessing

Nineteen years ago, our founder, John Stanton, along with the Christmas Crèche Committee, began the tradition of placing a beautiful Nativity scene in a prominent area in the City of Philadelphia. With help from the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, this display of our Savior and His Holy Family has been seen by thousands during the Christmas Season. This year's blessing of the Crèche will take place on Wednesday, December 16th at 3 p.m. in Love Park, across from City Hall. Fr. Dennis Gill will officiate and carols will be sung by the wonderful students of St. Francis Xavier School. All are invited to join in this special ceremony!

Other Upcoming Events

- January 3rd: Mother's Home 25th Anniversary Celebration. 5-8pm at Ivy Hall 6331 Lancaster Ave., Phila 19151. Please visit www.mothershome.org for more information.
- January 16th: Pro-Life Vigil, Mass and Summit. Vigil at 7:30am at PP 12th & Locust. Mass at 9am at the Cathedral Chapel with a Summit offering education on adoption immediately following at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.
- 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on February 10th. Call Patrick Stanton (267-718-4851) to be a part of this life-saving witness!

Planned Parenthood

Last month it was revealed once again, that Planned Parenthood continues to disregard the laws regulating abortion facilities. Recent state inspection reports show that both Comly Road and the Locust Street facilities “failed to provide a safe and sanitary environment.” The reports go on to detail “dirty instruments” and “darkened stains on patient benches,” among other violations. Planned Parenthood is a business founded on total disregard for human life. From their very beginnings, they have pitted mother against child. Women are told by this “service provider” that a child will destroy their present and their future. Women are offered in despair and their every fear is manipulated by the largest abortion company in the world. So, while it is not a surprise to the pro-life community that corners are cut and patient safety is a low priority, it is a surprise that the City and State do little to enforce the laws meant to protect women. In the first six months of 2015, 4,213 children were aborted at these two facilities, every one of their mothers was left to grieve.

The Pro Life Union continues to work and pray for the day that the rights of the unborn child are once again respected in the law and that every heart is changed.

Pro-Life Vigils

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

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

1st Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – St. Laurence, Upper Darby (PP Upper Darby)

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)

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

Making Spirits Bright

We have several families in our Guiding Star Ministries program who are in need of help during the holidays. Families at the maternity home in Philadelphia are always in need of baby supplies, clothes, and diapers, especially. We began a registry on Amazon to make this easy – just select items you would like to donate through your purchase, and they’ll be sent directly to our office and brought to the families at Guiding Star. Already we have received all the cribs we needed (eight total!), diapers, and baby clothes. Gifts for the moms and children are still needed. Please visit www.prolifeunion.org/holiday to help.



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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