



"I have set before you life and death,  
the blessing and the curse. Choose  
life, then, that you and your  
descendants may live."  
Deut. 30:19

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## Six Thousand Boys and Girls



Six Thousand Sixty-One (6,061) unborn boys and girls killed at a single site in 2017. Shocking. Everyone who hears this number is surprised. The Philadelphia Women's Center is located at 777 Appletree Street (8<sup>th</sup> and Arch), incredibly close to the National Constitution Center. They proudly proclaim that the only service they offer is abortion.

Jesus suffered, died, was buried and rose again for the sake of each boy and each girl being slaughtered (and for the deceived clinic workers). Let's bring the kingdom of God to that place.

In July, the Pro-Life Union will launch a Sidewalk Advocate Video Series to inspire and equip new troopers to pray and advocate in front of this and other sites. Plan to watch, share, and invite new Sidewalk Servants to bring the victory, and save the innocent unborn boys and girls. More about the video series coming soon.

Want to do something now about the 6,061? Call Sidewalk Servant coordinator Patrick Stanton at (267) 718-4851 or email Tom Stevens, [tstevens@prolifeunion.org](mailto:tstevens@prolifeunion.org).



## National Pro-Life Bridges Day

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Pro-Life Union will participate in "National Pro-Life Bridges Day. Using specially designed banners in 50 cities, groups of pro-life people will be stationed on highway overpasses to reach hundreds of thousands of motorists with the pro-life message. To find out where we will be stationed, check out our Facebook page or give us a call at 215-885-8150.

## Stand Up For Life Dinner November 18, 2018



We are so pleased to announce that Sr. Grace Dominic of the Sisters of Life Philadelphia will address the nearly 1,500 people at our annual *Stand Up For Life Dinner* on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel.

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life.

Please join the Sisters of Life at a Holy Hour,  
Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
St. Malachy Church, 1429 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19122  
Music by the Sisters of Life

## The Loss of Miscarriage

*By Tom Stevens, President & CEO*

We were so full of joy when we discovered my wife, Ann, was pregnant with our first child. When Ann discovered some bleeding in her seventh week we were confused and worried. Miscarriage was mostly an unknown to me; I didn't realize until later how common they were. Ann endured severe cramps and bleeding through the night. I felt helpless as a husband. The nurse on call said nothing could be done, so just see the doctor in the morning. The doctor's visit was sad and stressful, as he did a curettage and we weren't sure how to take care of our lost baby.

The following day there was a surprise knock on our door from our pastor at the time, Bishop Maginnis, who had heard that Ann miscarried. When Ann opened the door, he opened his arms wide, gave her a long hug, and just said, "Oh, Ann." I'll never forget that powerful moment of 'church,' when in my own grief. I didn't know how to console my wife. Later there was another knock on the door from our dear friend, Martha, who said, "You have a choice: you can either let this pain draw you close as a couple or push you apart." Thanks Bishop and Martha.

I'll never forget the agony my wife, Ann, experienced going through her first miscarriage twenty-two years ago, and each of the other two times she miscarried.

Losing a child is painful. Visit [catholicmiscarriagesupport.com](http://catholicmiscarriagesupport.com) for resources. Email me [tstevens@prolifeunion.org](mailto:tstevens@prolifeunion.org) if you would like to pray or share as you are grieving a miscarriage.

Support the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia's mission through a secure, recurring online monthly gift.  
Visit [prolifeunion.org/lifeline](http://prolifeunion.org/lifeline) to learn more and share our work with others.  
The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is a 501(c) 3 organization!

## Heartfelt Thanks

Each Mother's Day we are blessed to have the support of parishes in the Archdiocese who participate in activities to raise much-needed funds for our Life mission in Greater Philadelphia. Our hard-working Church Reps distribute our News Bulletins and pro-life items, sell roses and carnations and host baby bottle drives. This year, over 17,000 flowers were sold for the cause! We also welcome some groups who held Mother's Day activities for the first time: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Epic Youth, Knights of Columbus Council 8530, Sacred Heart (Oxford) and St. Isaac Jogues.



## ICU Grandpa

82-year-old retired marketing executive David Deutchman is now a viral hit. Known as the "ICU Grandpa" or the "Baby Whisperer," David has been volunteering at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Hospital for 12 years, cuddling preemies and helping their parents. In a recent interview with the hospital, Mr. Deutchman said, "My guy friends ask me what I do here, and I tell them I hold babies. They just don't get it – the kind of reward you can get from holding a baby like this."

## Member Spotlight: The Gianna Center

Presently, the new Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located within the Mercado Medical Practice in the Jeanes Physician Office Building in Northeast Philadelphia (7600 Central Ave., Phila., PA 19111). The providers are currently seeing patients with and without insurance as fits the mission.

A Gianna Center is a place where women with reproductive health concerns and couples experiencing infertility can be offered a comprehensive, holistic, life-affirming approach. We believe a medical center rooted in the teachings of *Humanae Vitae* has the potential to transform the entire culture. Please keep this effort in your prayers.

To learn more, go to [www.phgiannacenter.com](http://www.phgiannacenter.com).



## Tucker Carlson's Story

Well known conservative Fox News host, Tucker Carlson, fiercely defends life, debating with many abortion advocates and Planned Parenthood apologists. What makes Carlson so passionate about the issue?

Mr. Carlson's father, Richard, was born to a 15-year-old girl and was raised in an orphanage. Carlson believes that had abortion been legal, his father would not have been born. His father's growing-up years were "a really messy story." Carlson related, "Just because you make the right decision doesn't mean it's easy." But the story had a happy ending – he and his dad are very close.

When Tucker and his wife Susan were expecting their son, they were advised to abort because testing showed their baby had spina bifida. Susan Carlson informed the doctor, "You're not allowed to kill that child. You know why? Because you are not God." Their son, Buckley, is a tall, strapping young man with no health issues whatsoever. The doctors had it all wrong.

Carlson's story is a reminder that behind every abortion is a person who never had the opportunity to grow up, go to university, get married, or have children of their own. The millions upon millions of babies who have been aborted are not only individual lives that have been snuffed out; they represent entire generations that will never exist.

## Community Baby Shower

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, a Community Baby Shower was held in the Germantown section of Philadelphia sponsored by The Pro-Life Union, Guiding Star Ministries, Catholic Social Services, Family Service Ctr. and Johnson Child Care Center. Over 50 families participated, receiving gifts and helpful parenting information. Moms and dads decorated onesies like the one shown which reads, "I always told myself there was no such thing as perfect – until I met YOU" – Love Mom.



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