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## NIFLA v. Becerra

In 2015 California passed AB 775, the so-called "Reproductive FACT Act," mandating that medical pro-life pregnancy centers provide written or digital information to their patients on how to obtain a state-funded abortion. This means that nonprofit pro-life medical clinics, as well as their staff and volunteers, are being forced to violate their consciences. This is an outright violation of First Amendment rights.

In defense of the 135 California pregnancy centers that it represents, the **National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA)** filed a lawsuit challenging this legislation. Arguments for this landmark pro-life free speech case will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 20, 2018. Alliance Defending Freedom will stand before the United States Supreme Court and argue on behalf of NIFLA and its affiliated pregnancy centers in California. The outcome of this case—*NIFLA v. Becerra*—could not only affect the freedom of speech for every American, but it will likely also save many innocent lives if a favorable ruling is handed down.

Pray for victory in this case. Take action. Take a stand at the **NIFLA Rally on the Steps of the U.S. Supreme Court** at 1 First Street Northeast, Washington, DC 20543 on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

## Down Syndrome Protection

Pennsylvania lawmakers introduced House Bill 2050 and Senate Bill 1050 this week that will prohibit a woman from having an abortion solely because of a Down syndrome diagnosis.

Currently by law women in Pennsylvania can have an abortion up to 24 weeks for any reason except for the sex of the child. This bill would add a Down Syndrome diagnosis to that exception.

You are urged to contact your state representatives and senators and tell them they must support HB 2050 and SB 1050.

## Philly Special



The now famous Super Bowl play where quarterback Nick Foles caught a touchdown pass to give the Philadelphia Eagles a 10-point lead was called "The Philly Special" (or as Nick Foles named it, "Philly Philly.") It had a little trickery, was well-rehearsed, executed perfectly, and took guts.

Do we have a Philly Special? It's time to get one. The challenge: Study the culture of death situation. Look at the best "plays" from around the country. Strategize. Work together. Communicate. Look for the right moment.

Jesus said, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16) Let's be shrewd, clever, wise and innocent. Come, O Wisdom. We ask for divine ideas to end abortion now and to transform our culture from one of death to one of life.

## Annual Blaney Bash!

Two hundred people joined the Blaney's Beef and Beer event to support Guiding Star Ministries maternity home. Great food, fun, and live music made for a great evening. Board Member Pat Stanton reminded the crowd that we were there to support women who were choosing life and we honored long-time pro-lifer Joseph Pirolli, who passed last September. Thanks to the Blaney family for an outstanding event!



Former Guiding Star residents with founder Wendy Stanton at the Blaney Fundraiser.

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# End Womb Violence NOW!

We observe again a divided nation grappling with the effects, causes and solutions to horrific gun violence. Yes, let's find a way to make our schools safe and our children feel secure.



We must also demand a future where our children are safe in what should be the most secure environment on the planet – their mothers' wombs. The facts are powerful. In 2016, there were roughly 33,000 firearms deaths in the U.S., while the number of intentional deaths inside the womb in the U.S. was more than 893,000. In 2016 in Philadelphia alone, we actually killed more than 13,765 babies in utero. There should be an outcry. Top news every day. Instead it is a hidden killer. Unseen darkness. Don't let it continue.

# Fund the Fight

It's no secret. Every good work requires resources. We need your help to equip respect life committees, help organizations pursue their goals in promoting every area of the culture of life, engage in state legislative battles, provide education materials and outreach to abortion determined women (and men), and offer real alternatives to abortion. Every hour 44 babies are intentionally murdered in our area. The culture of death devalues human life whether in the womb, at end of life, or anywhere in between. Help fund the fight for life with your gift to the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia of \$500, \$100, \$50, \$25. Become a monthly Lifeline Donor and help us plan the future.

# Memorial Crosses

Images are an important part of what makes us feel emotion for the events which occur in our lives. When we see a tragic news story, it is always accompanied by the images that make us feel empathy for those being affected. There is a powerful way to bring the stark reality of abortion to the community that is striking, yet not graphic. The Memorial Cross Display is a set of 60 white crosses, one cross for each 1 million abortions in the United States since the *Roe v. Wade* decision. These crosses are available for churches and schools, will be delivered and set up, displayed for one month and then picked up by our organization. Please consider asking your pastor or principal to host this memorial to the lives lost to abortion. Call 215-885-8150 or e-mail [ahinnegan@prolifeunion.org](mailto:ahinnegan@prolifeunion.org) to schedule the date of delivery.



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