



*Pictured (left to right): Fr. Christopher Walsh, Paul DeCamara, Tom Stevens, Theresa Dierkes (John and Harriet Stanton Young Leader Award recipient), Dr. Monique Ruberu and Helene Hallowell.*

## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner Recognizes Champions and Achievements of Pro-Life Movement

Over 1,100 individuals attended the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner in Center City on November 18, 2018. This event drew several generations of people who believe in the sanctity of life.

"This year's Stand Up For Life Dinner was a great opportunity to inspire the 350 students in attendance and to re-energize the adults to advocate for the voiceless—especially the unborn," said Tom Stevens, president and CEO of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner celebrated three individuals who have emulated the Pro-Life Union's mission in their personal and professional lives. Award recipients include: Gene Krueger (James D. Kelly Pro-Life Pioneer Award), Martha Short (St. John Paul II "Be Not Afraid" Award), and Theresa Dierkes (John and Harriet Stanton Young Leader Award).

The evening's keynote speaker, Sister Grace Dominic (Sisters of Life), shared about how we need to believe in God's love first before we can change and transform a culture. As the night concluded, the Sisters of Life led the crowd in song to "How Great Thou Art." It was a memorable occasion knowing love conquers evil, and we're on the winning side.

Visit the Pro-Life Union's Facebook page (@ProLifeUnion) to look at our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner photo album, which captured some heartwarming moments from this special evening.



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## New Member Organization Spotlight



The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia welcomes one of our newest member organizations, HOPE Pregnancy Center. Located on N. Broad Street near Temple University, their mission is to provide comprehensive life-affirming support, resources, and services in a safe environment to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy, in need of healing from past pregnancy decisions, or seeking to make healthy sexual choices through responsible behavior. Visit [hopepregnancycenters.org](http://hopepregnancycenters.org) for more information.

## Be Trained to Take a Stand

Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to become Sidewalk Servants and continue to faithfully pray and witness in front of abortion centers. Since this year's Stand Up For Life Dinner, we have received the names of 125 new volunteers interested in becoming Sidewalk Servants!

Haven't volunteered yet? Want to become better equipped to spread the pro-life message? Watch the Pro-Life Union's Sidewalk Servant Quick-Start video series containing 9 brief episodes: [prolifeunion.org/outreach/sidewalk-servant/](http://prolifeunion.org/outreach/sidewalk-servant/).



## Annual Philadelphia Christmas Crèche

The birth of Jesus is worthy of celebration. He is the Light of the World and is the antidote to the darkness. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Philadelphia Christmas Crèche blessing will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at 18<sup>th</sup> and Race Streets (adjacent to the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul). Carols will be sung by students of St. Francis Xavier School. The blessing of the Nativity Scene in Philadelphia is a tradition started by John Stanton (Pro-Life Union founder), the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

## Creating Awareness at a Young Age

There are so many causes to donate towards, but the pro-life movement is one where even boys and girls can become aware of the sanctity of human life in early childhood and start to make a difference. Elize, daughter of Pro-Life Union board member Dr. Monique Ruberu, collected gently used Halloween costumes back in September. She then sold these costumes in October to others for \$5 each, where all proceeds were donated to the Pro-Life Union. If children like Elize, who is in first grade, can begin making a positive impact in society at a young age, the future looks brighter already!



Picture (above) from the 2018 March for Life event. Guest speakers included Pam Tebow, House Speaker Paul Ryan, members of Congress and other notable figures.

## We Are “Unique from Day One”

Demonstrate your love for life at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019, in Washington D.C. The theme of this March for Life is “Unique from Day One” which reaffirms what science has already proven—that life begins at fertilization and our DNA is unique from anyone else.

The March will begin around 1:00 p.m. and head towards the Supreme Court and Capitol Building. Then at 3:00 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to listen to Silent No More testimonies, which advocate for the sanctity of life to representatives and senators, and to visit the March for Life Expo. More event details are available online at [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org).

## December 2018 Events

- 12/15 “Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling outside Philadelphia’s Planned Parenthood (2751 Comly Rd.) at 9:00 a.m.
- 12/19 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Philadelphia Christmas Crèche blessing (18<sup>th</sup> & Race Streets; adjacent to the Cathedral) at 3:00 p.m.
- 12/21 “Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling outside Planned Parenthood in West Chester (8 S. Wayne St.) at 9:00 a.m.
- 12/22 “Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling outside Philadelphia Women’s Center (777 Appletree St.) from 6:30-9:00 a.m.
- 12/28 Feast of Holy Innocents Prayer Service (outside Planned Parenthood in West Chester) at 12:00 p.m.
- 12/28 Feast of the Holy Servants Mass & Memorial at St. Cyril Church (1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison, PA 18929) at 7:00 p.m.

## January 2019 Events

- 1/18 46<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

Stay updated with Pro-Life Union and member organizations’ events happening in the Philadelphia region! Visit [prolifeunion.org/events](http://prolifeunion.org/events).



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**Because Mary and Joseph said “yes” to life, we have Jesus!**

## Support life. Give today.

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## “Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling

Bring the message of peace and joy to the darkness of an Abortion center. Please join other pro-lifers on December 15 and December 21 for Christmas caroling outside these abortion center locations:

- **Saturday, December 15** at 9:00 a.m. outside Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia (2751 Comly Road).
- **Friday, December 21** at 9:00 a.m. outside Planned Parenthood in West Chester (8 S. Wayne Street).
- **Saturday, December 22** from 6:30-9:00 a.m. outside Philadelphia Women’s Center (777 Appletree Street).

## The Human Heart Beats at Days 21-23

Life begins at conception. It is a scientific fact. And quickly, between days 21 to 23, the cluster of heart cells about the size of a poppy seed begin to beat. Amazing! Spread the message to overcome so many voices saying otherwise.



**The Pro-Life Union wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with many blessings!**