

**Citizens Concerned for Human Life** 

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# LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

17th St. and 9th Ave., Altoona (at Station Mall Medical Center)





On Sunday afternoon, October 4, Life Chains will again occupy U.S. and Canadian sidewalks. There, we will pray and witness on behalf of voiceless fellow citizens—the precious preborns imperiled by surgical mutilation and abortive birth controls. Each participant will hold Life messages (signs) such as:

Abortion Kills Children ◆ Jesus Forgives and Heals Adoption: The Loving Option ◆ Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation Abortion Hurts Women ◆ Pray to End Abortion Life—The First Inalienable Right

Why build Life Chains? Each Chain is a prayerful, public testimony for God to anoint and work to impact hearts and lives. Life Chains continue (28th year) because preborn children continue to

die. The earth's gravest injustice pursues them, and they die for want of defenders. On National Life Chain Sunday, let us implore God to anchor within us a deep hatred for abortion and to grow within us fervent compassion for vulnerable preborns. Pastors who lead in this endeavor will be of enormous value.

—www.nationallifechain.org

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See page 11 for additional regional Life Chain locations.





## Not a dime of taxes should be used for Planned Parenthood

By Julie Szydlowski

It says something very positive about our culture that tens of thousands of people in 350 cities across 47 states protested on August 22 at Planned Parenthood clinics in light of recent undercover videos that show staff and officials admitting to committing late-term abortions and then selling the babies for profit.

But it says something very different about our culture that, despite the horrifying revelations, plenty of people still defend Planned Parenthood and instead condemn the Center for Medical Progress—the medical ethics group responsible for exposing Planned Parenthood—and others who seek to defund it. But on what grounds are supporters defending it?

Thanks to its catchy PR campaigns, Planned Parenthood has convinced many that without it, women would have severely reduced access to healthcare.

But it should be noted Planned Parenthood's "health-care" primarily focuses on sexual/reproductive health only, like birth control, abortion and treatment of STDs. In fact, none of Planned Parenthood's approximately 700 U.S. clinics even offers mammograms on site.

In contrast, there are about 9,000 taxpayer-funded community health center locations that do provide comprehensive healthcare services, regardless of one's ability to pay (Planned Parenthood charges for its services). In other words, without Planned Parenthood, women would still have accessible, completely affordable, and more complete healthcare than what Planned Parenthood offers.

But what supporters don't want to admit is that Planned Parenthood, according to its own annual report, is the nation's largest abortion provider, having performed 516,000 "averted unintended pregnancies" through abortifacients and 327,653 direct abortions in Fiscal Year 2014. The latter is more than 30 percent of the reported 1.1 million abortions performed annually in the U.S., the most by any one organization.

Supporters also like to downplay the fact that we taxpayers annually fund Planned Parenthood, paying more than \$528 million to it in FY 2014—all while the organization regularly opposes any compassionate or common-sense law that would restrict or make abortion safer (such as the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act after 20 weeks in the womb, or requirements that minors seeking abortions get parental consent).

Planned Parenthood also vehemently opposed Texas' attempts to require that doctors committing abortions have privileges at nearby hospitals—a law that would actually protect a woman if an abortion goes wrong and she needs emergency medical treatment—and it celebrated California's new law that allows non-physicians to do abortions. (Yet pro-lifers are the ones accused of wanting to return women to the back-alley.)

But, as many of us know, it gets worse.

The videos released so far by the Center for Medical Progress—which have been edited for length but not for context as some try to claim (the full videos are available on



Protests were held at hundreds of Planned Parenthood locations across the United States on August 22

CMP's website)—show not only the brutal reality of what Planned Parenthood is doing, but the callous indifference of those doing it.

From video confessions that intact babies fetch a higher fee and joking about buying a Lamborghini with the profits, to harvesting one baby's organs while his heart was still beating, the videos are as extremely difficult to watch as the descriptions of them are to read. But as the Rev. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life says, "America won't reject abortion until America sees abortion." It's time that everyone see it.

As ghastly as these videos are, though, there is perhaps one small silver lining that could change hearts: The abortionists themselves reveal the humanity of the unborn child. After all, when describing the market demand for their organs, it's difficult to push Planned Parenthood's claim that the pre-born child is "just a clump of cells."

Other defenders say the medical research being done with these babies outweighs any moral implication. But unlike adults who can consent to donating their body for future research, these voiceless human beings cannot.

Also, let's not forget that no scientific discovery, no matter how great, in fact no desired good whatsoever, justifies one act of evil. Yet for Planned Parenthood—with almost 45 percent of its annual revenue from taxpayers and \$90 million in profit according to its latest annual report—moral issues don't seem to be the concern.

Despite what the videos plainly show, however, supporters continue to claim Planned Parenthood is all about helping women, and that the entire scandal is merely an attack on women.

Hillary Clinton, for example, admitted she found the videos "disturbing," but who did she condemn? The "three men" in New Hampshire who voted to defund Planned Parenthood. "It's appalling that three men...of the Executive Council would deny women the healthcare they need and deserve," Clinton declared.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) blasted not Planned Parenthood but the Center for Medical Progress as an "extremist group," and Nancy Pelosi called for

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#### 9th Shocking Video: Planned Parenthood Sells Intact Aborted Babies

By Steven Ertelt

The Center for Medical Progress released a new video on September 1—the 9th in its series of videos catching the Planned Parenthood abortion business selling aborted babies and their body parts. This latest video catches a Planned Parenthood medical director discussing how the abortion company sells fully intact aborted babies—including one who "just fell out" of the womb.

The ninth video in the Planned Parenthood baby parts scandal focuses on Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. (ABR), the small and secretive company similar to Stem-Express that has harvested and sold fetal body parts at Planned Parenthood clinics longer than any other entity.

The video features undercover conversations with Dr. Katharine Sheehan, the long-time medical director of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest until 2013; Perrin Larton, the Procurement Manager for ABR; and Cate Dyer, the CEO of rival fetal tissue procurement company StemExpress.

Sheehan tells actors posing as a new human biologics company that at Planned Parenthood Pacific Southwest, "We have already a relationship with ABR."

Sheehan explains, "We've been using them for over 10 years, really a long time, just kind of renegotiated the contract. They're doing the big collections for government-level collections and things like that." When one of the actors negotiates, "We return a portion of our fees to the clinics," Sheehan responds eagerly, "Right, get a toe in and make it, make a pro–alright."

Perrin Larton, the Procurement Manager at ABR, is shown describing ABR's fetal tissue harvesting practice to a prospective buyer.

She explains of situations where there has been a great enough degree of cervical dilation to procure an intact fetus: "I literally have had women come in and they'll go in the O.R. and they're back out in 3 minutes, and I'm going, 'What's going on?' Oh yeah, the fetus was already in the vaginal canal whenever we put her in the stirrups, it just fell out."

"And they have a smell. It's just, it's not right. It's kind of icky," Larton says of babies who have been killed with the drug digoxin, which doesn't allow Planned Parenthood to sell them for their body parts.

At one point in the video, Larton gives the undercover acts two thumbs up—saying "We think that's good" when body parts are easily obtainable from fully intact aborted babies.

In an August 27 letter to Congress, Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards referenced a California Planned Parenthood affiliate that currently receives \$60 "per tissue specimen" from a tissue procurement organization. The Center for Medical Progress, the group producing the videos, identified Planned Parenthood Pacific Southwest and ABR as the affiliate and TPO referred to in Richards' letter, based on the process of elimination.

"We now know from Cecile Richards' letter that \$60 per collected tissue specimen is what will 'get a toe in' to harvest baby parts at Planned Parenthood Pacific Southwest," CMP director David Daleiden said.

Daleiden said multiple tissue specimens often come from a single fetus, \$60/specimen can quickly add up to hundreds of extra dollars in revenue per abortion. Yet, the sale or purchase of human fetal tissue is a federal felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to \$500,000 (42 U.S.C. 289g-2).

ABR, founded in 1989 by CEO Linda Tracy, charges \$340 per second-trimester fetal tissue specimen, yet seems less concerned about tissue quality than other harvesting companies: "Whenever we have a smooth portion of liver, we think that's good!" says Larton.

Daleiden says Cate Dyer, who used to work as a procurement technician for ABR before founding her own company StemExpress, shares some of the financial details of ABR.

"They were funding places in Hawaii for themselves," she divulges. "Some staff—not that I know so much on the Planned Parenthood side, but I wouldn't be surprised—there are some staff in the past that have been on the payroll with ABR." According to Dyer, ABR would pay an "advisor fee" to a clinic manager or director in order to preserve their exclusive right to harvest fetal tissue at that location. "There's like, well enough known," says Dyer, that "for a long time there were certain clinics that because they had paid advisors that were sitting on boards for these clinics, that were also an advisor to ABR, you were just never going to go anywhere with them, you know what I mean?"

"In the twisted world of baby parts trafficking from Planned Parenthood abortion clinics, there are few unbroken rules," notes CMP's Daleiden. "After the serious admissions in Planned Parenthood's letter to Congress last week, it is imperative for lawmakers and law enforcement to act decisively to determine the full extent of Planned Parenthood and their proxies' lawbreaking, hold them accountable, and stop the taxpayer funding of these barbaric atrocities against humanity."

On August 31, the Center for Medical Progress released a supplemental video that sheds more light on the profit Planned Parenthood makes associated with the sale of aborted babies and their body parts.

On August 28, the Center for Medical Progress released the full, uncut video of the conversation between undercover investigators form CMP and top officials with Stem-Express, which buys aborted babies and their body parts from Planned Parenthood. The full footage is of a shorter video that summarized the meetings earlier that week.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives is planning a vote on legislation that would defund the Planned Parenthood abortion business, which has been caught selling aborted babies and their body parts. The vote would follow one the Senate had weeks ago, which saw Senate Democrats filibuster and block legislation to revoke \$550 million in taxpayer funding.

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# **Legislative Update**



# Sen. Casey Can't Be Pro-Life and Pro-Planned Parenthood

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director

U.S. Senator Bob Casey tries to make the case that casting a vote against a Planned Parenthood defunding amendment shows him to be pro-life. The mental gymnastics required for this audacious statement are truly mind-boggling.

Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion operation, receives more than a half-billion hard-earned taxpayer dollars each year. Any organization that garners that much in taxpayer revenue should be under scrutiny. But when that organization's high-ranking doctors are caught on camera blithely discussing the harvesting of baby body parts while dining on salad and imbibing wine... haggling over the price of baby organs while talking about dreams of Lamborghinis...and discussing altering abortion procedures to procure intact hearts, livers, and brains...wouldn't you think twice about giving the giant non-profit more money? Especially if you say you're pro-life?

The undercover videos of Planned Parenthood released by the Center for Medical Progress have been a game-changer. The old argument that the Senator uses—that he opposes abortion but supports the rest of Planned Parenthood's operations—just won't work anymore. The Congressional investigation into Planned Parenthood's activities continues. Questions have arisen as to not only whether Planned Parenthood is illegally profiting from the sale of baby body parts, but also whether it

has violated the federal Partial-Birth Abortion ban and the Born Alive Infants Protection Act.

Let's take a closer look at the Senator's contention that Planned Parenthood should be federally funded because of its non-abortion activities. To begin with, contrary to popular belief, Planned Parenthood does not perform mammograms, as confirmed by news outlets such as the *Washington Post*. And according to information obtained from Planned Parenthood's own annual reports, cancer screening and prevention programs at its facilities declined by about half from 2009 to 2013.

Moreover, the legislation which Senator Casey opposed would have re-directed federal Planned Parenthood funds to federally qualified health centers. As female Senator and prime sponsor Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) stated in a news release, the measure would have channeled "federal funding taken from Planned Parenthood to other eligible entities that provide health services for women, and guarantees that there is absolutely no reduction in overall federal funding available to support women's health."

Community health centers perform the services that Planned Parenthood does—without performing abortions. Therefore, Senator Casey's vote was not a vote for women's health—it was a vote in solidarity with Planned Parenthood.

According to National Right to Life's Congressional scorecard for 2013-14, Senator Casey voted the pro-life position only 20 percent of the time. He cannot claim the name pro-lifer when 80 percent of his votes are anti-life.

Senator Casey cannot have it both ways. He cannot stand with Planned Parenthood and declare that he is prolife. His father, the much-respected former Governor of Pennsylvania, Robert Casey, was willing to stand up to party bosses in defense of human life. His son should follow his example. —PA Pro-Life Federation, September 1, 2015

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# **END DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION!**

## Brutal method is used to harvest baby body parts.



Recent undercover videos have exposed one of the ugliest sides of the abortion industry--the trafficking in baby body parts (tiny livers, hearts, brains, lungs, limbs, etc.). Many of these baby body parts are obtained by dismemberment abortions.

Whereas, dismemberment abortion is a common and brutal method of killing unborn children by tearing them limb from limb: Whereas, these abortions are performed on developing unborn children who have beating hearts, detectable brain waves, legs, arms, eyelids, toes, fingerprints, and every organ system in place;

Whereas, this procedure involves using forceps or similar instruments to grasp parts of a living, developing unborn child (many of whom can feel pain), and using these tools to twist and tear away pieces from the child until her entire body is removed from the womb;

# Therefore, we the undersigned support legislation that would protect unborn children from barbaric dismemberment abortions.

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# Planned Parenthood sells aborted baby parts

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Also, two committees in the House of Representatives have already launched investigations of Planned Parenthood. One committee is looking into whether or not the abortion business is breaking federal law by altering abortion procedures to better obtain aborted baby body parts for sale. Another committee, among other things, is investigating the Obama administration and whether there is any connection between it and the abortion giant.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform wants to know if the Obama administration, via the Department of Health and Human Services, provided any federal grants to Planned Parenthood that ultimately went to pay for the sales of aborted baby body parts and if they were used by Planned Parenthood to "support transactions involving fetal tissue."

The expose' videos catching Planned Parenthood officials selling the body parts of aborted babies have shocked the nation. Here is a list of all eight:

In the first video: Dr. Deborah Nucatola of Planned Parenthood commented on baby-crushing: "We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part, I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact."

In the second video: Planned Parenthood's Dr. Mary Gatterjoked, "I want a Lamborghini" as she negotiated the best price for baby parts.

In the third video: Holly O'Donnell, a former Stem Express employee who worked inside a Planned Parenthood clinic, detailed first-hand the unspeakable atrocities and how she fainted in horror over handling baby legs.

In the fourth video: Planned Parenthood's Dr. Savita Ginde stated, "We don't want to do just a flat-fee (per baby) of like, \$200. A per-item thing works a little better, just because we can see how much we can get out of it." She also laughed while looking

at a plate of fetal kidneys that were "good to go."

In the fifth video: Melissa Farrell of Planned Parenthood-Gulf Coast in Houston boasted of Planned Parenthood's skill in obtaining "intact fetal cadavers" and how her "research" department "contributes so much to the bottom line of our organization here, you know we're one of the largest affiliates, our Research Department is the largest in the United States."

In the sixth video: Holly O'Donnell described technicians taking fetal parts without patient consent: "There were times when they would just take what they wanted. And these mothers don't know. And there's no way they would know."

In the seventh and perhaps most disturbing video: Holly O'Donnell described the harvesting, or "procurement," of organs from a nearly intact late-term fetus aborted at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte's Alameda clinic in San Jose, California. "'You want to see something kind of cool," O'Donnell says her supervisor asked her. "And she just taps the heart, and it starts beating. And I'm sitting here and I'm looking at this fetus, and its heart is beating, and I don't know what to think."

In the eighth video: StemExpress CEO Cate Dyer admits Planned Parenthood sells "a lot of" fully intact aborted babies.

So far, 12 states have responded to the Planned Parenthood videos and launched investigations into their abortion and organ harvesting business including South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana. The district attorney in Houston, Texas is also investigating after the Houston-based Planned Parenthood abortion facility was caught selling aborted babies.

Congress has expanded its investigation into the Planned Parenthood abortion business and five states have revoked taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood's abortion business, including Utah, Arkansas, Alabama, New Hampshire and Louisiana and Iowa's governor has ordered a review of Planned Parenthood funding.

The full, unedited videos have confirmed the revelations that some aborted baby remains sold by Planned Parenthood go to biotech companies for the purpose of creating "humanized" mice. Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood has been exposed as having sold body parts from aborted babies for as much as 15 years.

The federal law that technically prohibits the sale of aborted babies and their body parts was written by a pro-abortion Congressman decades ago and essentially spells out a process by which sellers of aborted baby body parts can meet certain criteria that allows the sales to be legal. That's why a Colorado congressman has introduced legislation to totally ban the sales of aborted baby body parts.

—LifeNews.com, September 1, 2015 (Editor's note: To see the nine videos, go to: http://www.lifenews.com/2015/09/01/9th-shocking-video-planned-parenthood-sells-intact-aborted-babies-one-just-fell-out-of-the-womb/. Scroll down to listing of nine individual videos; click each to view. Warning: graphic images.)



#### **Not a Dime for Planned Parenthood**

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aninvestigation of CMP, which she said was "trying to ensnare Planned Parenthood in a controversy that doesn't exist."

Doesn't exist? Watch the videos. It's time the blinders come off.

Isn't it amaz-

ing and so very sad that when Cecil the Lion was killed by a trophy hunter in July, major news broadcasters spent more airtime covering it in one day than they did the Planned Parenthood monstrosity over the course of three weeks that same month (or since)?

It says something very pitiful about our culture that a hunted animal evokes more publicized outrage than does the selling of deceased babies. But as English writer G. K. Chesterton noted, in these modern times we have weakened major morals in favor of strengthening minor morals. Hence we see the elevation of animals over humans, and evil presented as good, while those exposing the evil are the ones publicly condemned.

As for Planned Parenthood, it's not about compassion for women. It's certainly not about compassion for innocent human life. It's about passion for money. When it comes down to it, in fact, the question isn't what would women do without Planned Parenthood. It's what would Planned Parenthood do without women?

When the innocent offspring of used women are sold like inanimate commodities to the highest bidder, there simply is no defending it. If we want to reclaim our culture for good over evil, not only must Planned Parenthood be criminally investigated, but at the very least, not one more dime of our taxpayer money should be used to fund this grisly house of horror.

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# Democrats in Congress Refuse to Watch Videos Exposing Planned Parenthood Selling Aborted Babies

Reminiscent of the Kermit Gosnell trial when reporters refused to cover the murder charges filed against an abortion practitioner who killed babies born alive during abortions, Congressional Democrats, on September 3, refused to attend a screening of the videos exposing Planned Parenthood selling aborted babies and their body parts.

The pro-life Susan B. Anthony List hosted a screening of the nine videos exposing Planned Parenthood selling aborted babies and their body parts inside the U.S. Capitol and challenged Democrats in Congress and their staff members to attend.

—LifeNews.com, September 3, 2015

# About that bomb-carrying 'pro-life' guy who just walked into an abortion clinic

A bortion lovers were clearly salivating when word got out that a man walked into George "Tiller The Killer's" former abortion facility with a bomb in his backpack earlier this week.

As usual, the "We-Sell-Out-The-Truth-To-Be-The-Abortion-Industry-Lapdog" MainStream Media instantly reported the guy was an evil, hateful pro-lifer who wanted to murder heroic, pure-as-the-driven-snow abortion providers. After all, that's the only thing pro-lifers really want to do: murder the innocent.

It turns out that, in fact, the guy was looking for a job, like so many Americans under Obamistake. He wanted to be a canvasser for Live Fetal Organ Dispensary Inc., otherwise known as Planned Parenthood.

The media-reported bomb was, in fact, a pill bottle-sized firework. No one was harmed, thank God, but the incident is just one of a too-long string of MSM bigotry against conservatives.

Unashamed by their exposed journalistic prejudice, the MSM brazenly still used the incident to try to associate the pro-life movement with anti-life violence. I guess *Newsweek* didn't want an inconvenient thing like the truth to stand in the way of peddling abortion propaganda. Joseph Goebbels would be proud.

Tiller was shot by a tragically misguided man in 2009, falsely thinking he was fighting abortion. Instead, not only was someone made in the image of God murdered—who now has no chance to repent—but the murderer gave fuel to the firestorm of hatred and false accusations against the truly peaceful pro-life movement. It isn't pro-lifers who are boasting about dismembering or burning to death over 58 million American babies (worldwide, the Planned Barrenhood-founded Guttmacher Institute proudly reports, "Over One Billion Sold!," like a McDonald's sign).

It isn't pro-lifers who are keeping the truth from women by opposing informed consent laws, or fighting to make sure no pregnant mother sees her ultrasound (God forbid she should actually see who's in her body), or lobbying to stop one-day waiting periods for major surgery, all under the guise of "empowering women."

It isn't pro-lifers who viciously attack praying people kneeling on a sidewalk, threaten them with bodily harm, beat them up, threaten to kill them, point guns at them, throw Molotov cocktail bombs at them, slash their banners with hunting knives, rabidly rip apart their signs, shove them, scream curses at them, douse them with water, spit on them, vandalize their private homes and terrorize their children, and write on blogs that "The only good anti-abortionist is a dead anti-abortionist."

It certainly isn't a pro-life President who officially categorizes pro-lifers as potential "Domestic Terrorists" in government documents. If the mainstream media were interested in the slightest in telling the truth, they would report how, in its greed, Planned Parenthood has become utterly obsessed with bloodlust.

I guess it's true: abortion violence begets violence. And the only way to fight the violence of pro-abortionists—and the violence of abortion—is by continuing to peacefully speak the truth in love. —*LifeSiteNews.com*, *August* 21, 2015



## 2016 ESSAY CONTESTS

#### State Contest Entries Due March 7, 2016

The **2016 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation "Be a Voice for the Voiceless" Essay Contest** is open to PA students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. There is a 500-word limit for essays submitted by students in grades 7-9 and a 750-word limit for students in grades 10-12.

Each essay must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, name of school (or the fact that the student is homeschooled) and grade. Winning essays will receive cash prizes.

Deadline for entries is March 7, 2016. Essays can be e-mailed to lifelines@paprolife.org or mailed to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109.

#### **National Right to Life 2016 Essay Contest**

The contest is open to students in Grades 10-12 (Senior Essay) and Grades 7-9 (Junior Essay). Prizes awarded will be: 1st Place-\$200; 2nd-\$150; 3rd-\$100—awarded in each level. Essays should address this question: *What can I do to build a pro-life generation?* 

#### **Contest Guidelines**

- 1. Essays should be submitted between December 21, 2015 and January 23, 2016. Essays must be postmarked by January 23, 2016.
- 2. Essays may be submitted to: Michelle Fischbach, 14722 Old Lake Road, Paynesville, MN 56362.
- 3. Essays must be double-spaced and pages numbered.
- 4. Essays shall be 300 500 words in length.
- 5. If typed, use no smaller than 12 pt. font.
- 6. Use a cover sheet that includes; full name, full mailing address, phone number, grade level, student date of birth, parent's name and word count.
- 7. By submitting an entry, the contestant and parent or guardian agree: a) to allow National Right to Life to reprint the winning essay, and b) that the essay is original, but not copyrighted.
- 8. Cite any sources used.
- 9. Please do not include artwork, pictures or plastic covers.
- 10. Please mail the essays, electronic submissions will only be accepted under special circumstances.

For more information, email Michelle Fischbach at **michellelfischbach@yahoo.com** or visit the NRLC website: **www.nrlc.org.** 

## 2016 Oratory Contests

The Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Oratory Contest is open to all 9th-12th grade students in **Bedford**, **Blair**, **Cambria**, **Centre**, **Clearfield**, **Fulton**, **Huntingdon**, **Juniata**, **Mifflin and Somerset Counties**.

Students must prepare a five to seven minute pro-life talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. Speeches must be from a pro-life perspective and delivered as written, but need not be memorized. The student may use a podium and appropriate hand gestures but may not use props.

A written copy of the speech must be emailed by **February 22,2016** to: **Janet Creighton, contact@webparish.com.** In the email, please send the following: name, address, city, county, phone, email address, school, name of parent(s)/guardian. Then call Jan, **814-623-1314**, to let her know that you emailed your entry.

#### Regional Oratory Contest Written Copy Due: February 22, 2016 Regional Competition: March 6, 2016 Awards

Varsity (Grades 11 & 12) Oratory Contest 1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Novice (Grades 9 & 10) Oratory Contest 1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

All regional contestants may also be a contestant for the state competition. Being a contestant for the regional competition does not automatically enroll you in the state competition. Please see the process below.

#### **Pro-Life Dinner Invite**

All regional contestants will be invited as our guests to the Bedford County Annual Pro-Life Dinner. The top two Varsity contestants will be invited to speak at the dinner.

# State Video/Oratory Contest Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Speak Up for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves!

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation contest is open to high school juniors and seniors; a Novice Contest will be held for high school freshmen and sophomores.

Students must write and give an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. Students must video record the speech and submit the video and written speech to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation by April 11, 2016.

Cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, the first-place winner of the Senior High Oratory Contest will receive an expense-paid trip for the student and a chaperon to attend the National Right to Life/Teens for Life Convention on July 7-9, 2016, in Herndon, Virginia. For complete contest rules: www.paprolife.org or call 717-541-0034.

# CITIZENS CONCERNED for Human Life

# Pro-Life Christmas Cards 2015

Celebrate the birth of Our Lord and the Giver of Life, and at the same time, help our fundraising efforts! Your purchase supports the pro-life work of the Blair County Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life.

To place an order or for more information, call Pat 814-946-0681 or Marge 814-505-5025.



#### **Kissing the Face of God**

This selection captures the emotions of love and tenderness as Mary gently holds and kisses her newborn Son, Jesus. The card is in earth-tone colors with gold-foil accents. White envelopes are included.

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#### Christmas Blessings

This card portrays the Infant Jesus in the protective arms of Joseph, while Mary gazes adoringly. The text and border are gold-foil; white envelopes are included.

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Verse: So gentle this time of wonder

So holy His moment of birth

So wondrous this Gift of Life

When Love was born on earth.

May the Lord of Life

bless you this Christmas and

throughout the coming year.

#### The Wise Still Seek Him

This card features a colorful portrayal of the Three Kings following the Star to Bethlehem. The text, star and manger are gold-foil; white envelopes are included.

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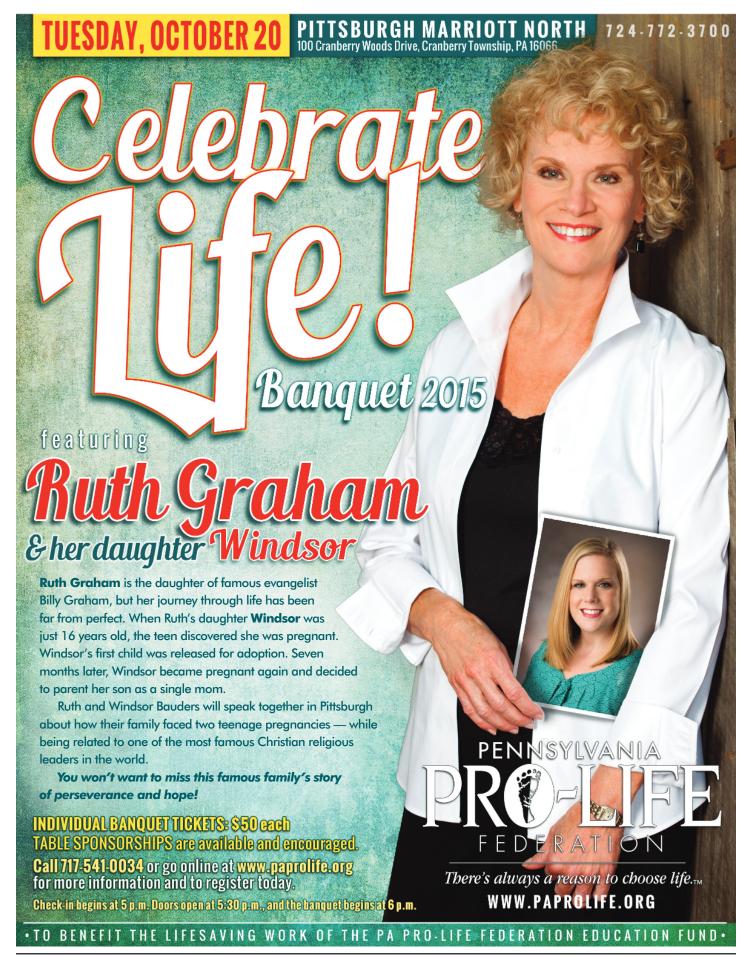
Verse: May the blessings of Christmas

be with you today

and throughout the New Year.

A limited number of cards of other designs are also available. All cards made in the U.S.A. ©Barton Cotton, All Rights Reserved.

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## From the President's Desk

### David v. Goliath—Round Two

ll of us are familiar with the Biblical story about David's battle with Goliath. At a time when everything looked bleak for the Israelites as Goliath mocked and challenged them, David the youngest son of Jesse, put his trust in God and slew the Philistine giant and rescued his people (1 Samuel 17).

Most of the articles in this edition concern Planned Parenthood, a modern day Goliath funded with over 500 million of our tax dollars annually. This Goliath has the audacity to brag about the slaying of over 300,000 innocent young lives in the womb of their mothers every year. Not only do they slay the unborn babies—they sell their body parts for so-called medical research—and laugh about it while eating lunch or drinking wine.

Unbeknown to this evil empire, a young David has arisen to try to rescue God's precious children from this Goliath. David Daleiden, of the Center for Medical Progress, surreptitiously recorded conversations with doctors and other officials of Planned Parenthood along with representatives of a procurement agency who wanted to buy body parts to sell to various upstanding medical institutions.

As a result of his recordings, several states—Alabama, Louisiana, New Hampshire, and Arkansas—have already proposed defunding Planned Parenthood. Most recently, South Carolina, as a result of the disclosures, investigated three abortion facilities and has ordered the suspension of the licenses of two of the facilities, one of which was Planned Parenthood in Columbia. All three of the clinics in the state were found to have violated state law in the manner in which they disposed of the bodies of these innocents. Instead of burial or cremation, they were blasted with steam and thrown into the local landfill (*LifeSite News. com*, September 13, 2015).

At this point, more than a dozen other states are investigating Planned Parenthood's activities and Congress is holding hearings on defunding them. Naturally, most Democrats, including our Senator Robert Casey and our President have stated they will not support the defunding. It appears that we need another David or two to step up to protect God's innocents.

R. Thomas Forr, Jr., President
Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life

## **Regional CCHL Chapter News**



**Bedford CCHL's** annual **Life Chain** will be on Sunday, October 4, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. along Business US 220. Participants check in at 2:00 p.m. at the Bedford Elementary School parking lot, south of the Bedford Turnpike entrance. Contact Kathy Wenger, **814-839-4806**.

During Bedford's Fall Foliage Festival, October 3-4 and 10-11, the Bedford Chapter will have an information table on the corner of Richard and Penn Streets. Contact Lynne Crone, **814-276-3638**.

On September 26, 9:00 a.m., Bedford CCHL will have an information table at Bedford HS during the annual Precious Life of Bedford County "Walk for Life." The "Walk for Life" is a fundraiser for Precious Life's pregnancy resource center on Juliana St. Contact Kathy Hill, 814-276-3085.

**Cambria-Somerset CCHL** is holding its annual **Pro-Life Breakfast** on Saturday, October 31st, at 9 a.m. See flier on back page.

**Centre CCHL** will hold its **Life Chain** on October 4th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., at 900 West College Ave., State College. Contact Susan Rogacs, **814-238-9590**.

Go to: **centralpaprolife.org** for a listing of additional Life Chains in central Pennsylvania.



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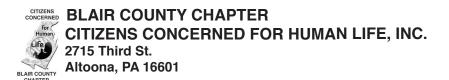
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# Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015

**When:** 9 a.m.

#### Where (New Location!):

Church of the Immaculate Conception Grove Church Hall, New Germany, Pa.

The public is welcome! A donation of \$9 per ticket is requested. For reservations and ticket information, please call 814-472-8584.

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