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## Dads are Essential in Restoring a Culture of Life

By Paul Stark

Abortion isn't only a women's issue. Here are three ways that fatherhood and abortion intersect.

(1) **The importance of supportive fathers.** According to the Guttmacher Institute, half of women having abortions say (as a reason) that they do not want to be a single parent or they are having trouble with their partner. A 2009 study published in the *International Journal of Mental Health & Addiction* found that pregnant women who felt they lacked support from the child's father were more likely to choose abortion.

A 2004 study in *Medical Science Monitor* found that 64 percent of American women having abortions said they felt pressured by others to abort. A wealth of other evidence confirms that fathers often play a central role in determining pregnancy outcomes.

Men who help conceive a baby must support (emotionally, economically, or in whatever other ways) both mother and child. When they don't, abortion is more likely—and women and children pay a price, whether abortion is chosen or not.

(2) **The effect of abortion on fathers.** Abortion can detrimentally affect men just as it can women. Fathers may experience grief, guilt, anger, depression and other psychological consequences following abortion. Books like *Men and Abortion: A Path to Healing; Redeeming a Father's Heart: Fatherhood Aborted; and Men and Abortion: Losses, Lessons and Love* have explored this issue.



Photo by Torri Jackson

A number of ministries and websites (including [www.fatherhoodforever.org](http://www.fatherhoodforever.org), [www.menandabortion.net](http://www.menandabortion.net) and [www.menandabortion.info](http://www.menandabortion.info)) seek to provide healing for men who have lost children to abortion.

(3) **Defending the unborn.** Pro-choice advocates sometimes say that only women may speak about abortion, and many men are silent or have their opinions disregarded. But the case against abortion is sound irrespective of the gender (or any other characteristic) of an individual making it.

Many, many women, after all, make the very same pro-life case. Men have an obligation to graciously speak the truth and to defend the lives of those who cannot defend themselves—the little girls and boys who have not yet been born.

**Dads play an essential role in the lives of their children. They are also essential to restoring a culture of life in which all human beings, especially the youngest and most vulnerable, are respected and protected.**

—National Right to Life News Today, March 8, 2017

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# Dr. Paul Byrne: From preemies to end-of-life issues, one man has made a difference

## *The dedication and legacy of a prodigious pro-life hero*

By Rob Sample

When five-year-old Lilliana Dennis was born in February 2011 in Indianapolis, doctors informed her mom and dad that she suffered from a rare genetic condition that was “incompatible with life.” As Lilliana approaches her sixth birthday, she continues to defy the odds and prove conventional medical wisdom both wrong and wrongheaded.

Lilliana has Trisomy 18, also known as Edwards syndrome. As with Down syndrome, such babies are born with an extra chromosome, resulting in heart defects, respiratory problems and finger and toe abnormalities. Most die before their first birthday, the doctors said, and there was little the Dennises could do to stop that eventual outcome.

Fortunately, the Dennises did some of their own research, which contradicted what they had been told. In fact, one child graduated from college and lived to the age of 42. The Dennises also befriended Dr. Paul Byrne, a retired neonatologist, longtime pro-life activist, and founder of the Life Guardian Foundation (LifeGuardianFoundation.org). He recommended heart surgery for Lilliana, along with other life-saving measures, and although the road has been difficult, Lilliana’s prognosis continues to improve.

Dr. Byrne is no stranger to death-and-dying issues and the challenges posed by both preemies and babies with congenital illnesses. In 1963, he established the neonatal intensive care unit at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis. Though he no longer makes hospital rounds, he stays very, very busy working on behalf of the preborn, sick newborns, the disabled, the elderly and people with illnesses deemed “terminal.”

“Not only do we have a culture of death in our society—it is a System of Death,” Dr. Byrne says. “We have to work hard to protect life from its beginning until true death. That’s why Life Guardian Foundation was founded.”

“I retired a few years ago after practicing medicine for 55 years,” Dr. Byrne adds. “Yet, instead of a retirement party, I asked my family to have a ‘redirection party.’ My work has not stopped—in fact, I’m busier than ever! People have a way of finding out that I can help them in the cause for life and in their own difficult situations.”

### Small beginnings

To get a sense of how Dr. Byrne’s passion for saving lives all began, it’s helpful to go back to the very beginning, when he was a young doctor practicing at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in the mid-1960s. There, Dr. Byrne



established the hospital’s very first special care nursery for at-risk infants.

“Back then, there were no treatments for preemies and low-birthweight babies, the kinds of things we take for granted today,” he recalls. “I went to the administrator at Cardinal Glennon with the idea of creating a center where we could find ways to treat these babies. She said, ‘OK, let’s try it for a year.’”

After that first year, Dr. Byrne’s efforts had saved the lives of 30 babies. “How?” you might ask. For starters, he partnered with engineers working nearby on the space program. They had developed a plastic cuff to fit around the fingers of astronauts, enabling their blood pressure to be monitored during space missions. Together, they developed a spinoff that fit around the arm of a tiny baby: Before this invention, there was no way to monitor a baby’s blood pressure.

Dr. Byrne and his team also pioneered new techniques for feeding these babies intravenously as well as specially designed ventilators to augment their respiratory function. All were instrumental in helping such infants survive. Since preemies are so small, new, highly sensitive measurement protocols were also necessary to track their health.

“For instance, premature infants have very small total quantities of blood,” Dr. Byrne notes. “That required development of micro techniques to analyze blood for indicators of health or disease. These micro-techniques that were developed for sick babies are used for everyone. It was exciting for me to be able to participate in the development of what was then a brand-new field.”

### Signs of life

It was also heartening for him to witness babies who had been deemed hopeless develop into healthy children and

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# Legislative Update



## Abortion Clinic Closed

*By Maria Gallagher  
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The sign on the door says it all—the troubled Hillcrest abortion facility in Harrisburg is closed until further notice.

In the shadow of the state Capitol, this Harrisburg abortion center, which had operated for decades, had accumulated a myriad of health and safety violations.

The PA Department of Health ordered Hillcrest to suspend operations after a surprise inspection June 5th uncovered new safety violations.

The revelations can be found in an inspection report for the “Hillcrest Women’s Medical Center” posted on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website.

“The department concluded that it was no longer safe for the facility to continue providing medical services to women,” said PA Health Department Secretary Karen Murphy.

Several Pennsylvania state Senators recently sent a letter to the Secretary of the PA Department of Health, asking why the abortion center’s license had not been revoked.

The letter followed the release of a 44-page document noting the health and safety failures of the long-time abortion operation.

The number and breadth of violations are truly alarming. No full-time person was in charge of operating the facility. Violations included everything from failing to

maintain proper medical credentials to maintaining supplies that were 13-years-old. Hillcrest also performed a number of abortions without having a nurse present. In addition, staff members failed to undergo the criminal background checks mandated for seeing patients under 18-years-old.

Hillcrest’s troubles date back at least six years, when the abortion outfit was first cited for safety failures. The abortion center has been cited four times since, with the latest report suggesting that the violations have become more egregious.

Pennsylvania passed a law in 2011 requiring abortion facilities to meet basic health and safety standards. The law was a response to



the massive tragedy in West Philadelphia, where abortionist Kermit Gosnell was ultimately convicted of killing three full-term babies and causing the death of a female immigrant patient, Karnamaya Mongar.

The egregious safety violations at Hillcrest show the importance of Pennsylvania’s abortion center regulation law, which ensures regular inspections of abortion facilities. Pennsylvania simply cannot depend on abortion facilities to police themselves.

We thank those legislators who have been asking that Hillcrest’s license be revoked in light of its egregious health and safety violations.

—June 7, 2017

## Another PP Clinic Failed Inspection

By Maria Gallagher

You might recall about a month ago when Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf teamed up with Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards for what the Governor's office described as a roundtable discussion about the "devastating effects federal budget cuts to Planned Parenthood would have" for Pennsylvanians.

Richards stated, "For many, Planned Parenthood is their only health care provider and they would have nowhere else to go."

But, as the Planned Parenthood official and the Governor were holding their event in Warminster, they failed to mention an annual registration survey that the Department of Health conducted at Planned Parenthood Keystone-Warminster eight days before.

According to the inspection report which is now posted online, the Planned Parenthood facility was not in compliance with state health department regulations.

The report states that a tour of the facility and a staff interview indicated that Planned Parenthood had failed to ensure that "all required emergency equipment was available" for resuscitation when abortions were performed.

According to the report, Planned Parenthood has submitted a plan of correction which was to have taken effect by May 15th—more than a month after the inspection!

The simple fact that inspectors found health and safety violations at Planned Parenthood's Warminster operation demonstrates why hard-earned tax dollars could be better spent elsewhere.

During the Warminster event, Governor Wolf—a former Planned Parenthood clinic escort—said, "Attacks on women's health at both federal and state levels are nothing more than politicians inserting themselves between doctors and their patients."

But caring about patients means following basic health and safety standards.

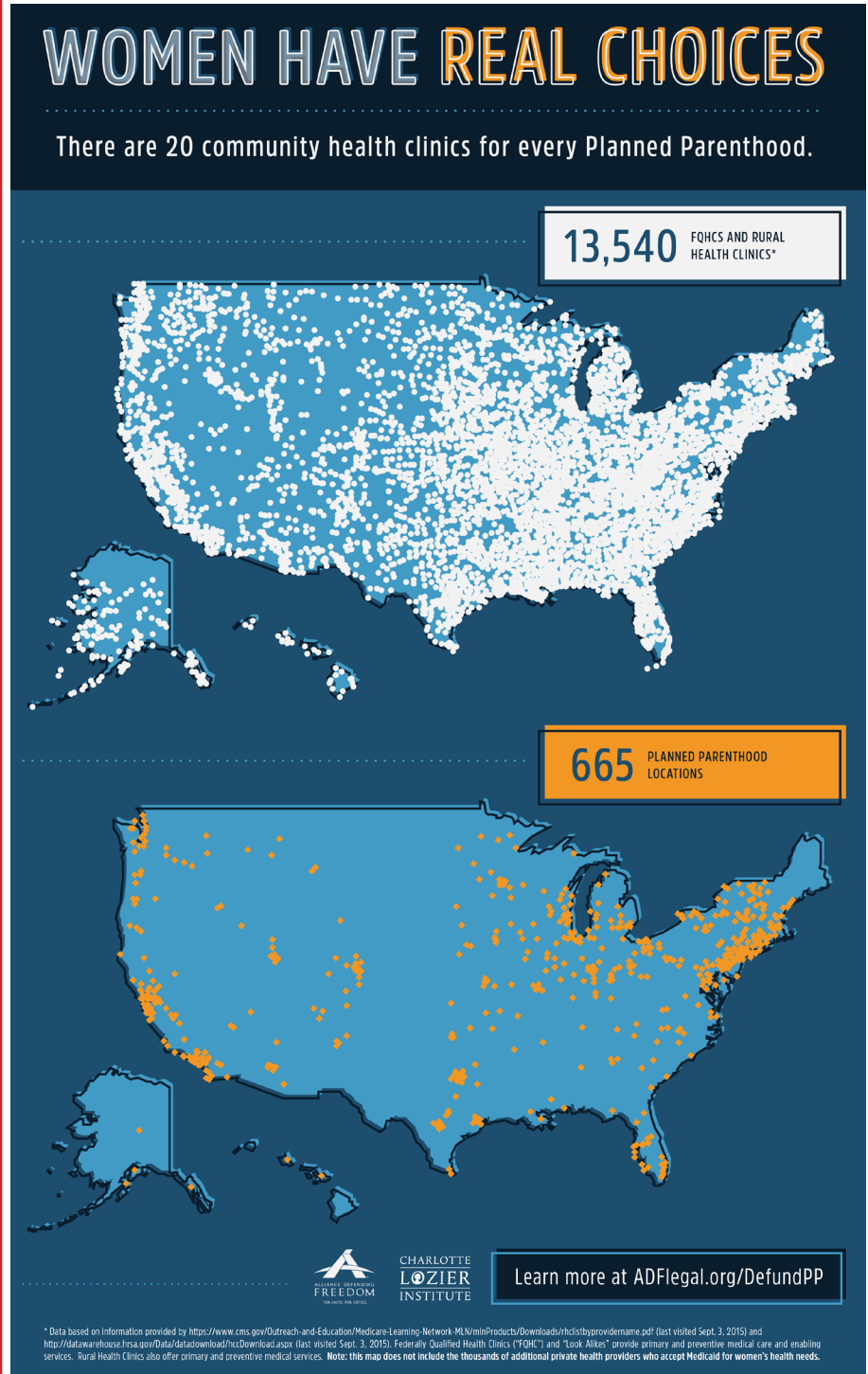
Why not redirect vital health care funds away from an organization that failed to pass inspection, and instead send them to conventional providers which offer comprehensive health care for women—including mammograms (something no Planned Parenthood does)?

Perhaps in the future the Governor will read the inspection reports from the Department of Health before scheduling photo ops with the leaders of organizations that fail to abide by the state's own safety regulations.

—May 25, 2017

## Health Clinics Nationwide Compared to Planned Parenthood Centers

This map depicts the number of federally-funded health clinics that serve low-income, medically under-served populations in the United States in comparison to the number of Planned Parenthood centers. If Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, were to be defunded from receiving over \$500 million in taxpayer funds per year, there already exist over 13,000 non-abortion providing Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) service sites and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that could receive this sum instead and continue to provide comprehensive primary and preventive healthcare.



—Alliance Defending Freedom and Charlotte Lozier Institute/2017

## Dr. Paul Byrne

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adults. The birth of Joseph in 1975—at a mere 24 weeks' gestation—was one such miracle.

"He had a flat electroencephalogram or EEG—in other words, no brainwaves," Dr. Byrne recalls.

The EEG is a common method of measuring brain activity at any age. The flat EEG of Joseph was interpreted as "consistent with cerebral death." "Nonetheless, Joseph went on to be a straight-A student in school, build a brilliant career, and he's now married and the father of three kids."

While considered breakthroughs in their day, many of these developments are now commonplace in both neonatal intensive care units and medical care as a whole. Plastic cuffs are routinely used to measure blood pressure of patients.

"My medical philosophy is that the best doctors are the ones who work the hardest on the people who are the sickest," he says. "What you try to accomplish for those sickest people first will ultimately have a beneficial impact on the rest of humanity."

### Darker trends

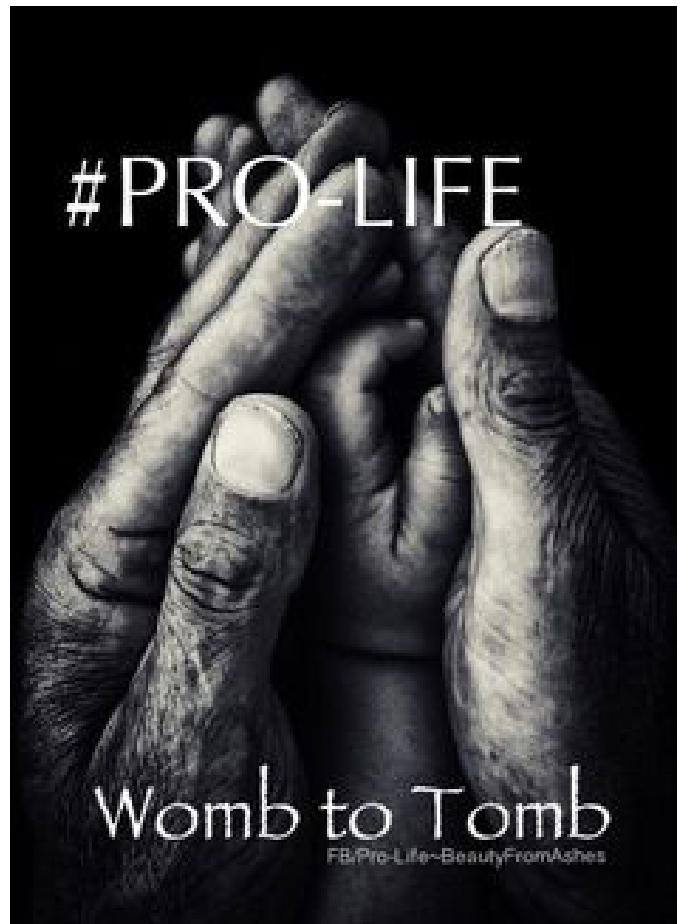
During the early 1970s, Dr. Byrne witnessed a trend he found troubling: the increased acceptance of brain-wave cessation as a legally acceptable marker of death. This occurred even before abortion became legally available in most states, and it owed in part to new ways to artificially resuscitate patients to keep a person's heart beating with circulation and respiration. It also followed the world's first heart transplant in 1967, after which organ transplants became common practice in a short amount of time.

"The push to accept 'brain death' has a lot to do with the concurrent push for viable organs for transplants," says Dr. Byrne. He noted that, following that first heart transplant, the medical community began lobbying elected officials for new laws that first codified "brain death" in the US.

This had practical reasons. Dr. Byrne points out that to transplant a heart or a liver, the donor's heart, circulation and respiratory processes must be kept functioning for healthy vital organs to be removed. Organs from a cadaver are useless, he notes, because organs begin to decompose immediately after those functions cease.

"Now, when someone suffers a head injury or is deeply unconscious, there is a shift of emphasis from helping that patient to harvesting his or her organs for transplantation," he says. The fact that viable organs are very valuable to the organ transplant industry can add a monetary incentive to the push to declare patients legally dead.

Forty-seven US states have passed the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) that presumes everyone is an organ donor. This is in addition to those who have willingly registered as organ donors on their drivers' licenses. This often creates a conflict, when the same individuals have also filed advance DNR (do not resuscitate) directives. In such situations, that previous DNR order will be overruled and the patient will be resuscitated in order for their vital organs to be usable for transplantation.



### It could happen...to anyone

This isn't all just academic. In 2007, 19-year-old Gregory Jacobs sustained a severe head injury while skiing and died at a Pennsylvania hospital less than a week later. In a lawsuit, his parents maintained that their son "experienced neither a cessation of cardiac activity nor a cessation of brain activities when surgeons began the procedures for removing his vital organs."

The Jacobs case was the subject of a *CBS News* report, and the elder Jacobses ultimately won a \$1.2 million settlement in 2012. More recent is the case of the now-16-year-old Jahi McMath, who had severe sleep apnea and on which Dr. Byrne is a medical advisor.

Jahi underwent a tonsillectomy at a California hospital, which aimed to improve her ability to sleep at night. She later hemorrhaged and went into cardiac arrest. Physicians declared her to be "brain dead" and ordered the removal of life-support systems.

Jahi's mom, Latasha Winkfield, disagreed and filed a lawsuit seeking to keep her on life support. A death certificate was issued for Jahi in California before she could be moved to a New Jersey hospital. She later was moved to an apartment with her mom, where she continues to live on life support.

Incidentally, Dr. Byrne was instrumental in getting a new law passed in that state, which gives parents or caregivers the ability to object conscientiously to such orders from a physician or hospital. A similar regulation, though not as strong, now exists in neighboring New York.

“Jahi McMath is very much alive... but a death certificate was issued in California!” exclaims Dr. Byrne. “She has had three birthdays since being declared legally dead.”

### A broadened focus

**D**r. Byrne is a steadfast pro-life advocate and supporter of American Life League (ALL). His knowledge and guidance shaped ALL’s policy on euthanasia and brain death; he is the author of its materials on the subject. Most recently, he played an important role in the development of a study guide on euthanasia for ALL’s Culture of Life Studies Program. In addition to supporting ALL and other organizations, Dr. Byrne saw a need for another organization focusing attention on end-of-life issues. That led to the founding of the Life Guardian Foundation in 2007.

The organization’s website offers a rich repository of resources that helps people understand the controversies that now surround the end of life. Besides the moral and ethical implications, there’s a lot of practical value as well. Many of us now must deal with the treatment of elderly parents, and the use of feeding tubes is often taken to mean that their lives are at the end. Not necessarily so, says Dr. Byrne.

“People on a feeding tube don’t always have to remain on a feeding tube,” Dr. Byrne says. Noting that it’s not always easy, there are ways to treat such patients that can improve their outlook and lead to a time where a feeding tube can be removed. Similarly, severe head injury often leads to a grim prognosis—yet treating the patient with thyroid medications can greatly improve patient prognosis.

Poke around a bit more on the website and you’ll uncover other fascinating information. There are more than 30 disparate sets of criteria. You can be declared “brain dead” by one but be alive by others. The Uniform Declaration of Death Act (UDDA) now on the books in all 50 states mandates that the determination be “in accordance with acceptable medical standards.” The patient who is declared “brain dead,” whichever criteria are used, always has a beating heart with circulation and respiration, albeit on a ventilator.

The procedure of an apnea test (not a test for sleep apnea) is part of every set of “brain death” criteria. The patient is taken off the ventilator for 10 minutes. Carbon dioxide and acids accumulate. This makes the brain swelling worse. Everyone must learn to instruct No! to the apnea test. It can only cause the patient to get worse.

“If you end up unconscious and on a ventilator, the doctors at the hospital treating you will declare that your death is imminent, and by law, they have to notify the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO),” says Dr. Byrne. If you don’t want that to happen, Dr. Byrne strongly urges you to explicitly document your refusal in writing.

The foundation website offers three key directives that can help you accomplish that objective: a healthcare power of attorney directive, a directive to protect and preserve life for a dependent minor or mentally incapacitated person, and an organ donation opt-out form that can be carried in your wallet or purse.

“Very often I work with parents of students who go away to college, get into a car accident, and end up at the mercies of a medical system that wants their organs for a transplant patient,” he notes. Since few people have taken the time to study the issue, and since parents are often bewildered and grief-stricken at such times, it can become a complex battle to receive any form of life-extending care for such patients.

### A modest hero

**U**pon being reached by phone for an hour-long interview, Dr. Byrne was quick to shift the emphasis away from himself and to his large family. He’s the father of 12 children. He also has 33 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He’s proud that he has reared a pro-life family.

He’s especially proud of the pro-life poems that his son, Mark, wrote from his heart in the eighth grade—and as Providence would have it—his granddaughter Kaitlyn, Mark’s daughter, recently wrote from her heart in the eighth grade as well.

More critically, he pointed out the clarity by which young people often view the world around them, and the crystal-clear viewpoints they often form on issues that bedevil their elders, provides a lesson for the rest of us. Both pieces speak right to the heart, he says.

“If you read Mark’s and Kaitlyn’s poems, you can see how they recognize just what is at stake: that we must value life,” Dr. Byrne says. “Most importantly, they show us what we need to do to think correctly about life.”

—Celebrate Life Magazine, May 25, 2017

To read the poems mentioned, go to: <http://www.clmagazine.org/article/dr-paul-byrne-from-preemies-to-end-of-life-issues-one-man-has-made-a-difference/>



*Every child should have the right  
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# PRAYING FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD

“For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of Him.”  
- 1 Samuel 1:27

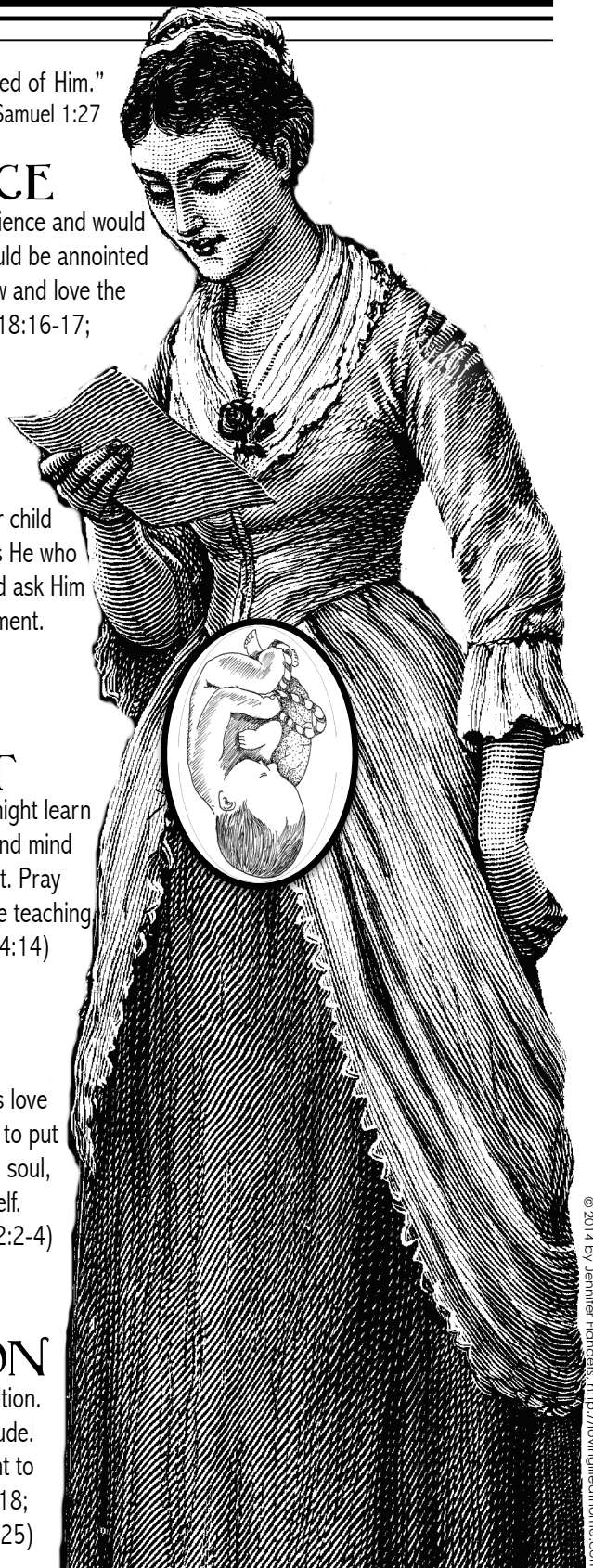
**C** IS FOR CONSCIENCE  
Pray that God would give your child a tender conscience and would draw her to faith at an early age. Pray that she would be anointed by the Holy Spirit even in the womb and would know and love the Holy Scriptures from infancy. (1 Timothy 1:5; Luke 18:16-17; Luke 1:14-15; 2 Timothy 3:15)

**H** IS FOR HEALTH  
Pray that, if would please Him, God would give your child good health and a strong body. Recognize that is is He who knits your baby together in her mother's womb, and ask Him to watch carefully over every stage of her development. (3 John 1:2; Isaiah 40:29; Psalm 139:13-16)

**I** IS FOR INTELLECT  
Ask God to give your child understanding, so she might learn His commands. Pray that He'd bless her with a sound mind and would grant her great wisdom and discernment. Pray that she'll love the truth and not be swayed by false teaching. (Psalm 119:73; James 1:5; Proverbs 2:2-11; Eph. 4:14)

**L** IS FOR LOVE  
Pray that your child would feel secure both in God's love and in her parents' love. Pray that she would learn to put others first, would love the LORD with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength, and would love others as herself. (Rom. 8:38-39; 1 John 4:19; Mark 12:30-31; Phil. 2:2-4)

**D** IS FOR DISPOSITION  
Ask God to give your child a happy, cheerful disposition. Pray that He would fill her heart with joy and gratitude. Pray that she would bring hope and encouragement to everyone she meets. (Proverbs 15:13; 1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 6:7; Romans 15:13; Prov. 12:25; Heb. 10:23-25)



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# Every Life Matters (ELM) Updates

## Pregnancy Support Services, Tyrone

- Knights of Columbus councils- Bellwood and Tyrone bought us an ultrasound machine!!! Thank you to all who participated in making this happen!!!

- Yellow Umbrella event in April was a huge success with almost 70 participants on a cool, rainy day. \$1400 in gift cards were donated to be used for purchasing items for our EWYL program. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their sponsorship.

- Baby Bottle Campaign is running-churches & businesses in the area are collecting change, cash, and checks to help support ELM. Remember to turn in your bottle on Father's Day!

- Looking for women in the early stages of their pregnancy to be practice models so our RN's can practice ultrasound scanning with new machine and be certified.

- Looking for RDMS techs to oversee this process. If you can help, call the office.

- Gave out lots of diapers, wipes, baby's first year book, swing and baby clothes through our Earn While You Learn Program

- Dry wall is up at the new site!! Painting will be starting soon. People who have volunteered to help will be contacted.

- Houtzdale center is up and running.



Beginning in June, we will be selling \$10 tickets to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Altoona Curve game - it just happens to be Tyrone night so there will be fireworks after the game. See an ELM volunteer, employee, or board member- or call 650-7899 for more info. ELM receives \$2 for every ticket sold.

- SAVE THE DATE!!! – 2017 Banquet 11/2 at New Life – State Representative Judy Ward is our keynote speaker! Go to her website to see important information on the women's health care bill she is sponsoring.

- Sometime in July (hopefully around the 4<sup>th</sup>) we will have our open house for Bethany House!!



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### They decided on abortion, the father's feelings didn't matter

By Sarah Terzo

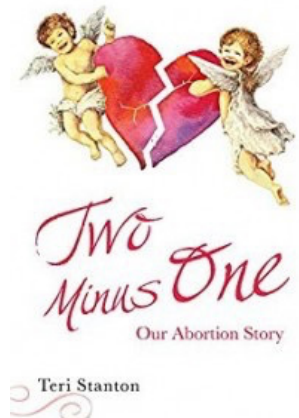
In her book, Teri Stanton describes how, when her daughter, Sheri, became pregnant, they did not care about the feelings of the baby's father. They decided on abortion without consulting him:

"Once Sheri's pregnancy was discovered, the baby's father was totally unnoticed and unrecognized. He was not made a part of the decision-making process that was flying all around him like a cyclone without a brain. Nobody asked him how he felt, or what he thought, let alone what he wanted for his baby. Worse yet, nobody cared...We just, unintentionally, removed him from the whole event like he was somehow a nonentity in Sheri's life or the life of their child."

— Excerpt from book by Teri Stanton, *Two Minus One: Our Abortion Story*

As in many cases, the father never had any say in whether his child would be aborted. Read about men and abortion regret: clinicquotes.com.

— National Right to Life News Today, March 28, 2017



## Regional CCHL Chapter News

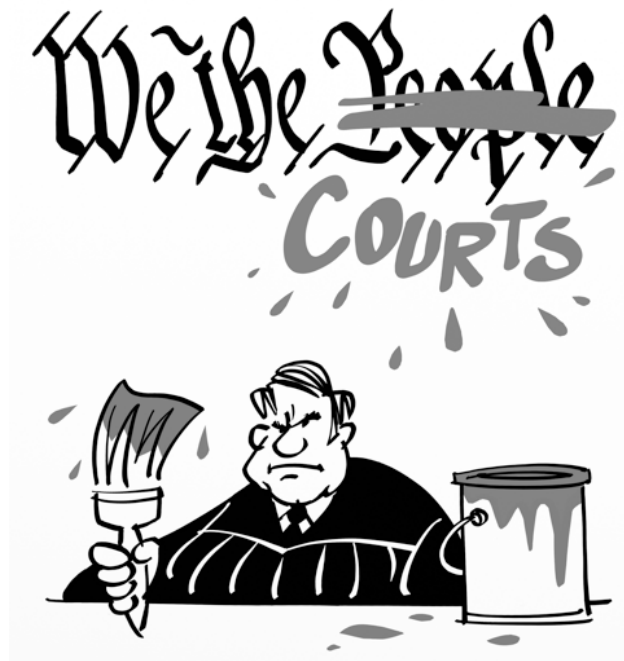
The **Bedford County Chapter of CCHL** will man an information table in Jordan Hall during the annual **Bedford County Fair** between **July 23rd and July 29th**. Helpers are always welcome. For information, call Pam at 814-652-6755.

The Bedford County Chapter is also collecting donations in their Baby Bottle fundraiser for HOPE Pregnancy Center in Philadelphia.



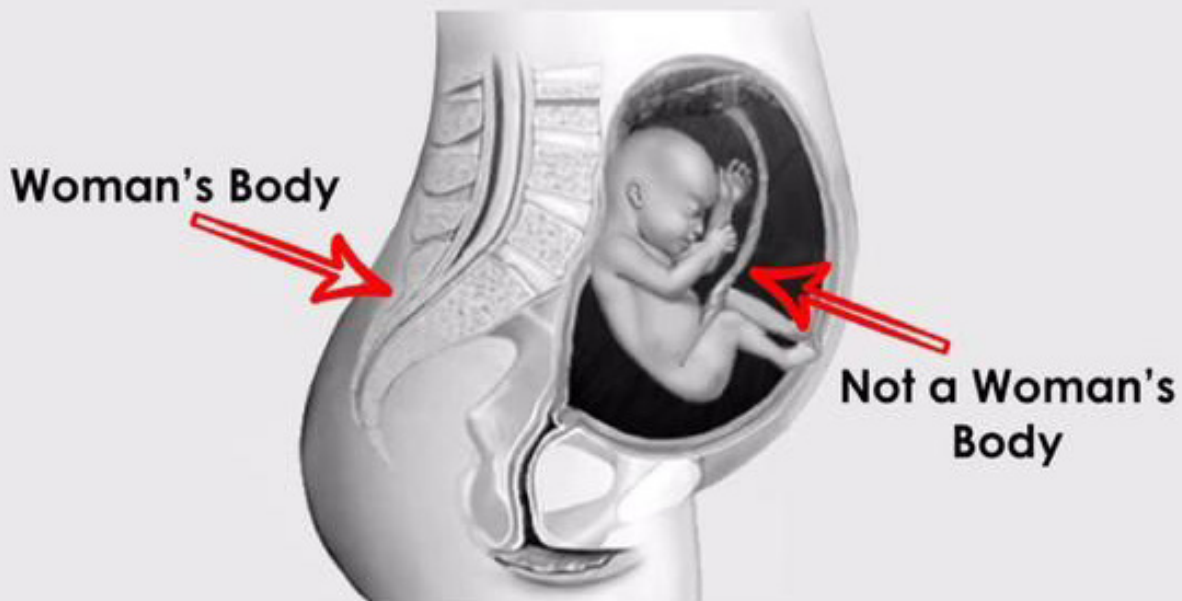
The **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation** continues to encourage you to urge your state representative to oppose House Bill 111, which would take away the people's right to vote for appellate judges and permit a pro-abortion Governor to appoint them instead.

You can find an op-ed piece from the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* explaining the deficiencies in so-called merit selection of judges legislation at: <http://triblive.com/opinion/editorials/12381229-74/merit-selection-for-appellate-judges-stripping-voters-right>.



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## Anatomy Lesson for Feminists



### **A Baby is NOT a Female Body Part!**

This future citizen of the world deserves rights and is not your own female organ to pick & choose.

**Stop saying; "My Body, My Right!"  
when it's NOT your body!**

**A baby is an entirely separate person!  
A precious human being! Not an elective organ!**

# From the President's Desk

## Fathers

In reviewing an article on the internet by Brett and Kate McKay, entitled "The Importance of Fathers," some important facts or statistics were highlighted.

In 1960, only 10% of children were reared in a fatherless home, whereas today 40% are.

A few of the headlines to the article are as follows:

- ◆ Children With Fathers Are Less Likely to Live in Poverty
- ◆ Children With Fathers Do Better in School
- ◆ Children Without Fathers Are More Likely To Do Jail Time
- ◆ Children With Fathers Are Less Likely to Abuse Drugs and Alcohol
- ◆ Children Without Fathers Are More Likely to be Sexually Active as Teenagers
- ◆ Children Without Fathers Are More Likely to be Obese
- ◆ Children With Fathers Get More Roughhousing, (And Roughhousing Makes Kids Awesome)
- ◆ Children With Fathers Are More Likely to Have a Larger Vocabulary
- ◆ Children With Fathers Are More Likely to Be Encouraged to Take Healthy Risks
- ◆ Children With Fathers Gain Many Additional Benefits to Health and Happiness

For the statistics and details regarding the above headings, please google the article, "The Importance of Fathers (According to Science)," by Brett and Kate McKay, dated June 19, 2015.

Let us give thanks for our Fathers and what they did for us. Let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father for giving us a chance to enjoy this life, and let us follow His guidelines for us.

Sincerely,

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

## Crisis Numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Contact: **Precious Life, Inc., 1716 12th Ave., Altoona; 814-944-2669** or **Every Life Matters (ELM), 221 Hospital Dr., Ste. 5, Tyrone; 814-650-7899** or **Real Alternatives, Inc., 1-888-LIFE-AID; www.realalternatives.org.**

For post-abortion counseling, contact **Project Rachel, 814-884-8000; www.ProjectRachel@dioceseaj.org** or **Rachel's Vineyard, 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463); www.rachelsvineyard.org/**


**Family Life, Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown,** offers pastoral guidance, **call 814-886-5551; email: familylife@dioceseaj.org.**



*If you knew a woman who was pregnant,  
who had eight kids already,  
three who were deaf, two who were blind,  
one mentally handicapped  
and she had syphilis,  
would you recommend  
that she have an abortion?*

*If you said YES, you just killed Beethoven.*

*~ Anonymous ~*



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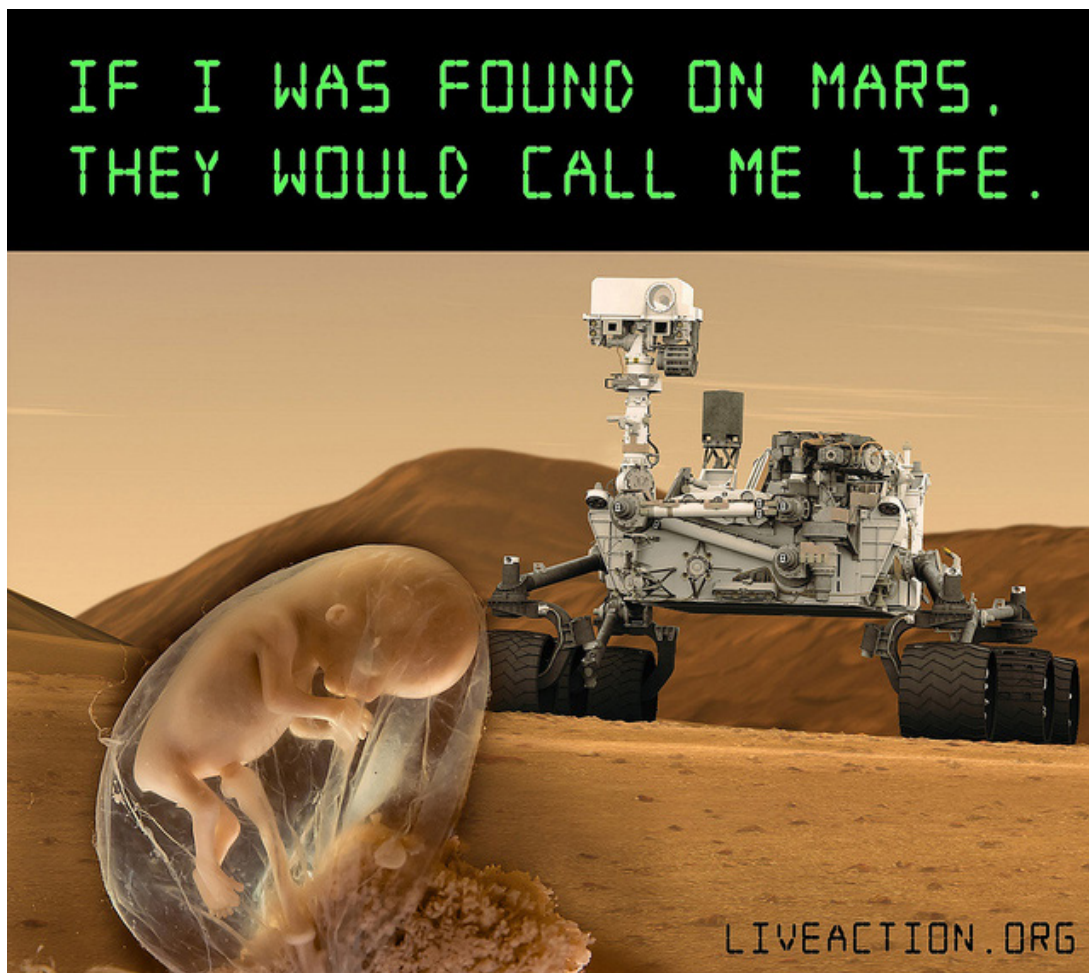
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In 2009, NASA scientists had produced the most compelling evidence yet that bacterial life exists on Mars. It showed that microscopic worm-like structures found in a Martian meteorite that hit the Earth thousands of years ago were almost certainly fossilized bacteria. The co-called bio-morphs were embedded beneath the surface layers of the rock, suggesting that they were already present when the meteorite arrived, rather than being the result of subsequent contamination by earthly bacteria. "This is very strong evidence of life on Mars," said David Mackay, a senior scientist at the NASA Johnson Space Center who was part of the team of scientists that originally investigated the meteorite when it was discovered in 1984.

*Why would a bacteria be considered life on Mars...  
And a heartbeat NOT considered life on earth.*

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