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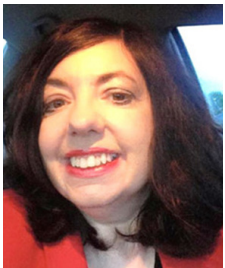
Presenting the Pro-Life Message to Blair County, Pennsylvania

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My father was a hero to both my mother and me

By Maria Gallagher,
Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Note: Father's Day is June 17. For many men who have been a party to an abortion, Father's Day will be a grim reminder of obligations shirked and lives lost. But there are other men who did the right thing, as this story illustrates beautifully.



They were a newly-married couple facing a monumental challenge. The husband had been laid off from his job. The wife, who had become the sole wage-earner, was pregnant. The pregnancy was unexpected—especially to her employer, who unceremoniously fired her as a result. And yet, rather than have the pressure drive them apart, they united, for the sake not only of themselves, but for the daughter they would come to cherish.

I am that unexpected daughter, and I am profoundly grateful to my mother and father for choosing life for me.

The decision was really a no-brainer for my mother, who had longed for a family ever since illness had fractured her own when she was only eight years old. Unable to live any longer with her mother and father, she was shipped off to an elderly aunt, who decided after just one year of caregiving that raising a child at her advanced age was too much for her. As a result, my mother went to live with a friend of my grandmother's and the friend's daughter.

The entire experience made her want to jealously guard her young family when she herself became a mother.

My father turned out to be a hero to both my mother and me. My mother could not make it to the hospital in time when she went into labor, so my father—who had no medical experience—ended up delivering me. I literally would not be here were it not for him.

Even though post-traumatic stress from combat had made it difficult for him to work, my Daddy never shirked his responsibility as a father. When my mother returned to work, he became my caregiver—always gentle and kind, never bemoaning the fact that he had to stay at home with a baby.

Throughout my childhood, my father was an amazing cheerleader, always encouraging my younger sister and me to do our best—whether in school, on the stage, and (briefly) in a recording studio. He believed strongly in our talents and skills, and told me often that there was nothing I couldn't do, if I put my mind to it.

When I gave a speech at graduation as class valedictorian, he was the first one in the audience to stand and applaud. It should not have come as a surprise. He had been applauding me all my life.

My father was not only kind to his daughters. He was incredibly sweet to any child he came across. My foster-cousin remarked at my father's death that she could not imagine him ever getting angry. (For the record, he could get angry—but he never turned that anger on a child.)

It has been twelve long years since my father's passing. I continue to miss him every day. But he left me a legacy of love—a love which began when I was still in my mother's womb. And he served as an incredible example to his family of what devoted fatherhood is all about.

This Father's Day, I pray that a young woman who finds herself in circumstances similar to my mother's will find that the father of her preborn child shows her just as much love and support as my father gave my mother during that unexpected pregnancy so long ago. And I pray that I will live up to the dream my own father had for me on the day I was born.

—National Right to Life News Today, June 6, 2018

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Marvelous Are Your Works!

By Marie K. MacPherson

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret ... Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them” (Psalm 139:13–16 NKJV).

How easy it is to get caught up in our daily frustrations with our children! As imperfect mothers, we wonder why our son just can’t “get it” or why our daughter always acts “like that.” We sometimes get stuck in our perceptions, whether or not they are grounded in reality. Sure, our children are sinners with shortcomings and failings (just like mom), but they are also fearfully and wonderfully made (just like mom)!

Remember the moment you found yourself pregnant with that frustrating child? Whether that instant was filled with joy or fear, it was humbling. To know that God is using a simple, sinful vessel—namely, you—to knit together new life is astounding!

The child is totally dependent on you, and yet you have no control over the outcome of the pregnancy! Job 34:14b-15 puts it well:

“If [God] should gather to Himself ... His breath, All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.”

Both before and after their births, our children are precious lives belonging to God and redeemed by Him. (Their mothers are, too.) Each of our days is ordained by Him, including the challenging days of motherhood. (For further reading see Psalm 139 and Job 10:8–12.)

**Praise to the Lord,
Who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed
And, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
(Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary 65:3)**

—National Right to Life News Today, June 4, 2018



Director of Neurobiology on Life Beginning at Conception

By Sarah Terzo

Dr. Sean O’Reilly, Director of the Neurobiology Research Training Program at George Washington University:

“[T]here is nothing in the entire phenomenon of the transmission of life that deserves more to be called an event, scientifically speaking, than does fertilization. It is the natural and scientific boundary at which a new and genetically unique human individual can be said to begin his existence. We conclude, therefore, that by objective

and scientific criteria the individual human being is a person throughout his [or her] entire biological development from conception, which is synonymous with fertilization, to natural death...Any other conclusion would be arbitrary, unsupported by scientific fact or rational argument, divorced from objective reality, and based on a particular ideology, philosophy or creed.”

—National Right to Life News Today, October 6, 2017



...you know not how the breath of life fashions the human frame in the mother’s womb.

~ Ecclesiastes 11:5 ~



*Sixteen weeks
from conception*

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Legislative Update



Michigan bill requires informed consent

Pro-life lawmakers in Michigan have introduced legislation that would require vaccines derived from aborted babies to be clearly identified so patients can make more informed choices and potentially pursue more ethical alternatives.

Senate Bill 1055, sponsored by state Sens. Tonya Schuitmaker, Mike Kowall, Patrick Colbeck, Judy Emmons, Joe Hune, and Mike Shirkey, calls on the state Department of Health and Human Services to maintain an internet-accessible list of which vaccines were developed using stem cells derived from the tissue of aborted babies, as well as alternative vaccines when available.

Doctors would have to present this information to patients before administering vaccines as well. The list would be updated every year, and the requirement would take effect 90 days after being signed into law.

"The existence of these vaccines requires patients and parents to make important ethical decisions," Right to Life of Michigan president Barbara Listing said. "Sadly, many people are unaware of these facts, including many doctors and nurses. Patients need accurate information to make informed decisions, and many are not getting that now."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration currently approves a number of vaccines produced using two cell lines, MRC-5 and WI-38, obtained from 1960s-era elective abortions. Federal law gives vaccine manufacturers legal immunity from lawsuits or charges

from injured patients, instead delegating such cases to the Office of Special Masters of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. People injured by vaccines may be eligible to financial compensation from the government-run National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Right to Life of Michigan currently maintains its own list of abortion-derived vaccines and ethical alternatives (*see: https://rtl.org/prolife_issues/LifeNotes/VaccinesAbortion_FetalTissue.html*) but hopes the law would make awareness and avoidance of the moral conflict more widespread.



"We should all agree that the existence of alternative vaccines proves it's unnecessary to take human life to create effective vaccines," she said. "Vaccine manufacturers should only use ethical sources for future vaccine production."

Some pro-lifers, and even the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, accept abortion-derived vaccines as morally permissible in the absence of alternatives. Others argue that the vaccines are not only immoral but that their origins "taint" them with an increased threat of medical complications.

Dr. David Gorski, editor of the website Science-Based Medicine, attacked the bill, claiming it was "designed to use emotive language to dissuade parents from vaccinating." Right to Life of Michigan responded by noting that the legislation's language was "undeniably true," and that state health officials, not political activists, will be the ones drafting the specific,

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President Trump is De-Funding Planned Parenthood Here are 2,750 Better Places Women Can Go

By Katie Franklin

When it was announced on May 25th that President Donald Trump would be de-funding Planned Parenthood of \$60 million in taxpayer funding, abortion advocates pivoted to their predictable talking points to warn women of the coming collapse of “reproductive health care” in America.

But as the pro-life community has pointed out again and again, there are more than enough places for women to go for health care aside from Planned Parenthood. Indeed, non-abortion centers like community health centers and rural health care centers outnumber Planned Parenthood 20-1 and provide a wider range of services to women.

They also tend to be located in areas of the country in which Planned Parenthood simply doesn't exist. Consider a map of Maine, produced by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, which shows just four Planned Parenthood locations in a sea of 172 sites that provide better care than the abortion megalith.

Or, look west to Nevada, where 52 community health centers outnumber Planned Parenthood's three city outposts.

Nationally, 13,540 of these sites are providing care to women without performing abortions.

But there are still more options beyond even these centers. According to Heartbeat International's Worldwide Directory of Pregnancy Help, there are just over 2,750 pregnancy help centers across the U.S., the vast majority of which are privately funded, providing a plethora of services to women in need. Services range from material aid—resources such as diapers, cribs, and formula—to medical care—services such as STD testing and ultrasound screenings.

For more than 40 years, these centers have thoroughly disproven the pro-choice claim that pro-lifers don't care about children after they're born, offering women and their children far more in the way of care than the abortion industry ever could.

Consider Women's Choice Center, an ever-growing pregnancy center in Bettendorf, Iowa that literally replaced a Planned Parenthood facility this spring following the abortion outlet's closure.

The building is one of four Iowa locations that Planned Parenthood closed last year following the state's move to de-fund the group of \$2 million in taxpayer funding. While abortion advocates warned of a health care “crisis” following the de-funding (sound familiar?), pro-life leaders argued that there were more than enough community health centers and rural clinics that could step in and take Planned Parenthood's place—213 clinics statewide to be exact.

But Women's Choice Center went a step further, actually taking the place of one of the closed clinics.

In May, the pregnancy center moved into the former Planned Parenthood from its location across the street.

While the pregnancy center itself fills just one half of the 8,500 square foot building, Women's Choice Center is outfitting the other half as a

“pro-life, pro-family, faith-filled family medical practice” that offers OB-GYN services through 28 weeks of pregnancy, fertility treatment, and mental health services.

Other services Women's Choice offers include perinatal hospice, which comforts a family through a fatal prenatal diagnosis, and Abortion Pill Reversal.

Meanwhile, across the street at their former location, the center will be leasing its building to a daycare provider, offering after-school enrichment, tutoring and summer camps.

Suffice to say, Women's Choice Center is doing far more to respond to women's needs than Planned Parenthood where 96 percent of pregnant clients are given an abortion and sent on their way.

While Women's Choice Center serves as a very literal example of what replacing Planned Parenthood looks like, there are thousands of other pregnancy centers that resemble this same example, even if not quite so literally.

Pregnancy centers are helping fight human trafficking, serving immigrants, and reaching clients in the throes of natural disasters.

For decades now, these centers have worked to serve the whole woman, the whole child and the whole family, going above and beyond the \$500 “quick fix” Planned Parenthood offers by coming alongside women and families for free.

As Planned Parenthood and the abortion lobby flounder to protect their coveted millions, it is essential for pro-lifers to continue to champion America's 2,750 pregnancy centers as superior alternatives. Though Planned Parenthood will inevitably put up a fight and parade themselves as the victim, the beautiful thing about pregnancy centers is that they will be there regardless, humbly serving women in need.

Note: This first appeared at Pregnancy Help News.

—National Right to Life News Today, May 30, 2018



**All abortionists snip spinal cords, crush skulls,
slice throats, rip off arms and legs,
rip out guts/internal organs and decapitate
INNOCENT BABIES, EVERY SINGLE DAY.**

~ Anonymous ~



Men Restored As They Remember Lost Children and Celebrate Their Fatherhood

By Warren Williams

About six months ago, three men and I began the journey through a Bible study I wrote featuring the Beatitudes, titled “Missing Arrows.” The purpose—to find fatherhood restoration for the children they had lost through abortion.

On this beautiful day, amid a grand grove of trees, a memorial wall stood tall to receive their remembrance of those children. This wall is a beautiful, red granite memorial. It stands as a statement of emotional and spiritual healing for all who come to its commanding presence. Hundreds of women and men have placed memorial plaques, supplied by the National Memorial for the Unborn, on the wall. Many include names and bible verses, some, names only. This memorial wall is the testimony of these mothers and fathers great transformation from self-judgment to the great freedoms found in Christ. His redemption settles all.

After an abortion loss there is a new normal. For Chuck, life became a downward spiral with thoughts of suicide. Mark worked all the time but had a hard time completing anything. Greg moved around a lot, never could quite “find himself.” All of these men used their choice of medications to mask the pain. During and at the completion of the study the transformation reoriented them to the way God sees them, with the daily invitation to enter into His vision by His plan for their future. A major and notable shift was in how these men identified their relationship with their Heavenly Father. While, at one time their chief self-description was “a sinner saved by grace,” the realization of being a New Man in Christ gave meaning to Ephesians 1:5 which states, “His adopted son saved by and into grace.” A new lens one might say!

Each father experiencing deliverance from the pain of abortion loss knows the radical difference of being in bondage to the chains of identity with past failure and the restoration of life in Christ as a redeemed son. The Grace of God through Christ to forgive the unbearable weight of the participation in the elective destruction of their children cannot be expressed in words, but it was very real to each of them.

Why is this true? First backward—then move forward. The day before conception it was just you and her. Identity was easy. A man, a woman. But the day after conception WOW, how things changed. The change was silent, but the presence of your baby carried the equivalent power of an atom bomb as it relates to redefining identity. A man, now a father—new identity, a woman now a mother—new identity. A new identity and more

than a few big tests. Is there room for love? Love of self, love of one another, love for your baby?

Now, you are a mother like your mom, or a father like your dad, but you aren’t ready! You’re scared. More likely panicked! Did the baby change the meaning of your relationship? Now, the future is rushing toward you. You must make decisions, plans, grow-up, be responsible for not only the relationship with one another, but for the baby. TIME OUT!! ...you shout, but there is no time out. Time is your nemesis. Unidentified expectations for each other are piqued. One wrong word, gesture, or silence can say too much or not enough. What can be read into those first seconds after you know? Wrong conclusions, then wrong decisions, then comes another day. The day before the abortion. Can the decision be undone? Yes, but often it does not happen. The seconds, minutes and days after are too late.

The abortion has no power to undo the new identities, only the evidence—the baby. The day, even I say days and years after the abortion never change your identity. Now, a new identity torments you. In your own heart of hearts, you killed the baby. You think of yourself and your mate differently. Is there room for love? You hope there is but for God’s sake how? Can I love myself? Why, How? Can I love my lady? What we have done can’t be undone. Guilt, shame, blame, anger, depression, a ceiling of self-condemnation and lack of trust puts you in an emotional vertigo. “We’ve killed our children... How can God love us?” (a quote from one in the group)

Some or all is a part of the new normal. But, is there cultural permission to talk it over? Can someone listen who has the answers—how can I ever make this go away?

Well, the answer is a qualified yes—God can and intends to work to mend the damage. He won’t likely make it go away (Job can tell you that) but He will walk with you through it in His love and healing Power. Jesus reminds us that we will be blessed with comfort as we grieve. Many have found comfort in Christ and His redeeming forgiveness and restoration. It is true by the “Law of God” you feel guilty, but He has mercy, you have anger and blame, but He has forgiveness, you have sorrow, but He has comfort. You’re out of control but He brings order. You’re anxious but He brings peace. You feel dirty, abused and cast down but He brings peace and a pure heart. You feel powerless, but He gives you authority over the lies of the enemy and restores your ability to provide, protect, praise and worship Him. We have an Awesome God!!

What is your story from the fear and damage in your life to the journey into His Love. Have you started that journey yet? You can, you have permission and we have the resources to help along both the broad and narrow parts of the Beatitudes healing journey.

Start now to change your identity from that of a heavily burdened man with unbearable loss to a man free from judgment and condemnation by the Law, yourself and others. You are in fact a redeemed man because Jesus finished judgment and condemnation on the Cross. He said so "...It Is Finished."

Take the invitation to reconcile your losses in Him and move toward the capacity (high calling) He knows you have in this life. You are only a short way from being His

ambassador for others. "...now go and comfort others with the comfort you have received (or are about to have) in and from Him!

1 Find the Bible study Missing Arrows at: http://www.menandabortion.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Missing_Arrows_2014.pdf

2 Find information about the National Memorial for the Unborn at: www.memorialfortheunborn.org/honor-your-child

—Men & Abortion Network, *Reclaiming Fatherhood*
menandabortion.net, January 30, 2018

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~ Dr. Seuss ~

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Fatherhood Aborted addresses the emotional devastation of men involved in abortion. Discusses the aftershocks of abortion, including violence, addictive behaviors, isolation, resistance to authority, and difficulty bonding with women and children. Includes personal accounts of post-abortive men's own experiences and shows that the path to forgiveness and healing is found in a vital relationship with Christ.

Redeeming A Father's Heart presents the powerful stories of 10 courageous men with the common desire to present the truth of their abortion experience and the consequences of this life changing decision.

Men and Abortion: A Path to Healing focuses on the problems experienced by post-abortive men, including anger, helplessness, guilt, relationship problems and grief. The steps toward healing are described in terms of each of these problems. An excellent aid not only for post-abortion men, but for all those who care for and counsel them.

Sons of Adam is a prayer and companion workbook to *Men and Abortion: A Path To Healing*. The central need is a safe place where a man can tell his story with neither complacency nor condemnation. Offers short scripture readings, traditional prayers, other men's stories, questions for reflection, and simple blessing prayers.

The House of Esau manual, written by a post-abortive father, details a process designed to alleviate some of the stresses experienced by a father who has lost a child to abortion. Included also are some of the understanding gained by various Men and Abortion Network members.

Through letters written more than 40 years after the author lost his daughter to elective abortion, **Letters to Pilgrim** shares the author's life and the life he imagines his daughter might have lived. His pain and his hard-won peace are candidly shared with his readers.

In **Dearest Angel**, the author shares the depth of his pain as a post-abortive father. He has done a great service to those who walk where he has walked and those trying to understand the pain of a father who has lost his child to abortion.

In **Forgiveness: I Just Can't Forgive Myself**, Robert D. Jones identifies five possible assumptions behind the longing for self-forgiveness. In the process, he pinpoints a deeper problem—and a deeper solution to ongoing

guilt. By dispelling a number of misconceptions, Jones clears the path to a joyful realization of complete forgiveness in Christ.

Father's Choice: Tony's life changes the moment he learns he's going to be a father. A casual relationship grows serious and he faces a choice that will ultimately be made for him. Tony tries to persuade his girlfriend to keep their baby but she chooses abortion and Tony blames himself. Did he say the wrong things? Was he just not good enough? Would he ever get another chance to be a father? Tony's experience shows that abortion isn't just a women's issue, but one that can also affect men in unexpected ways.

Each abortion involves both a man and a woman and often leaves them wounded and confused, immediately or even years later. Abortion causes multiple losses: the child, the relationship, self-worth, and hope. **Men and Abortion: Finding Healing, Restoring Hope** recognizes that abortion debases fatherhood as it violates a man's instinct to protect and care for those he loves. Free download.

Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing is an acclaimed contribution to the existing literature about coping with loss, blending folklore, cross-cultural analysis, and clinical advice to help men and women understand the specific context and needs of grieving men.

To order any of the above books, go to menandabortion.net. Other resources are also available at this site.

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Pregnancy Support Services, Tyrone

♦ The **Yellow Umbrella** event in April was a huge success with almost 50 participants on a cool, rainy day. \$800 in gift cards were donated to be used for purchasing items for our EWYL program. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their sponsorship.

♦ Our **Baby Bottle Campaign** continues—churches and businesses in the area are collecting change, cash and checks to help support ELM. Bottles are turned in on Father's Day!

♦ Looking for women in the early stages of their pregnancy (1st trimester preferable) to be practice models so our RNs can practice ultrasound scanning with new machine and be certified.

♦ We are beginning a **Grief Support Group for Infant Loss**. If you have experienced the loss of an infant due to miscarriage, stillbirth or any other cause, please contact us. We will do individual support if needed.

♦ 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.

♦ The **ELM Houtzdale** center is up and running (800 Hannah St., Houtzdale). They offer free pregnancy tests, prenatal and parenting support, post-abortion recovery and material assistance.

♦ **SAVE THE DATE!!—2018 Banquet—November 1st** at New Life Worship Center, Ritts Rd., Altoona (Pinecroft exit, off I-99). Anita Keagy is our keynote speaker. Anita Keagy founded JoyShop Ministries in 2006 with one simple mission: To inspire people to spend time with God every day through Bible reading and prayer. Since then, she has traveled nationwide and internationally, sharing her message of seeking God first each day as the key to abundant life and joy. Thousands of people have heard and responded to her dynamic message at conferences, retreats, school chapel settings and churches.

With a compelling story of how God used a very difficult situation in her life for His glory, Anita shares candidly how she became pregnant as a teenager—all the more "scandalous" because she was a preacher's daughter—and made the difficult choice to place her daughter for adoption. Although she never had the privilege to see or hold her child, Anita never stopped yearning to know her first-born daughter, even as she married and had four more children. Through a file of letters and the help of her adoption agency, Anita finally met her firstborn 21 years later.

Anita is the author of, "The File: A Mother and Child's Life-Changing Reunion." Her motivational six-session DVD series, "Seeking God First," has encouraged and challenged those who long for a deeper relationship with God. Her DVD, "Letters from an Unknown Daughter" is her personal testimony of motherhood, hope, and healing.

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~ George Orwell ~

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3. *Learn to speak*
4. *Win a spelling bee*
5. *Learn how to ski*
6. *Make varsity*
7. *Get all As*
8. *Graduate from high school*
9. *Earn a college scholarship*
10. *Graduate with honors*
11. *Backpack through Europe*
12. *Earn a Masters degree*
13. *Fall in love*
14. *Earn a Ph.D.*
15. *Discover the cure for cancer*

Regional Chapters of Citizens Concerned for Human Life

The Bedford County Chapter of CCHL will host a pro-life information table at the Bedford County Fair between July 22nd and July 28th, in Jordan Hall, just inside the door to the petting zoo. Helpers are always welcome. Volunteers will receive an exhibitor pass which provides free entry to the fairgrounds along with free parking. Each pass is valid for the entire day and evening. These passes do not include using the carnival rides nor entry to the evening shows; e.g. demolition derby, car racing. Our hours for the table are 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 8:00 each day. We endeavor to call on our volunteers to serve only one 3-1/2 hour period. For information, please call Pam at 814-652-6755.

Bedford CCHL will also be hosting an information table at the Alum Bank Fire Company Car and Tractor show between July 12th and 14th in Pleasantville, PA (Intersection of PA Route 96 and PA Route 56).



You were made to love and to be loved...

Your goodness is greater than the difficulties of your situation. Circumstances in life change.

A new life, however tiny, brings the promise of unrepeatable joy.

~ Red Rose Rescue message handed to mothers in abortion facility waiting rooms ~

Vaccines

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finalized language doctors must give patients.

"How does giving people information control their choices?" the group asked. "Isn't it the opposite?"

Michigan is one of 18 states that allows exemptions to vaccine mandates based on religious or other objections. The state is also currently in the midst of the largest Hepatitis A outbreak in the United States, which has killed 27 people since 2016. State officials attribute the problem in part to a lack of supply, and there currently exists no approved, abortion-free alternative, but better tracking of the different options could help Michiganders with moral or religious concerns protect themselves and others from other diseases in the future.

—LifeSiteNews.com, June 12, 2018

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.

From the President's Desk

"We love babies, yes we do. How about You?"

This enthusiastic chant by the Crusaders from St. John Cantius Parish in Chicago greets hundreds of thousands of marchers at the annual March for Life. The yellow balloons attract attention and the energy and love from the students is something to behold. The message is positive and about life, but is America listening?

A recent article by Lyman Stone for the Institute for Family Studies, "Baby Bust: Fertility is Declining the Most Among Minority Women," discussed the declining birth rate in the United States. The birth rate is 1.76, which is below replacement level.

What does this mean for the future? We all have heard of the birth dearth in Japan. Hundreds of elderly Japanese are looking to have robots as caregivers. Japan introduced liberal abortion laws in the fifties and now they are paying the price.

Recently, headlines in our country projected that Medicare and Social Security are fast approaching a point where payouts will exceed income. The only real solution to these problems is to get our country back on the right track, morally and spiritually.


Both fathers and mothers have to adopt the enthusiasm for life displayed by the "Crusaders" from St. John Cantius and accept with joy and love the lives that are given to them.

Let us pray that it is not too late.

—R. Thomas Forr, Jr., President

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Genevieve Sicree placed 1st in CCHL's Regional Varsity Oratory Contest this past spring; she went on to place 2nd in the PA Pro-Life Federation Senior High Essay Contest! Joe Levri placed second in our Junior Division Oratory Contest and came in 2nd in the State Junior High Essay Contest! Congratulations, Genevieve and Joe!!



Genevieve Sicree
 2nd Place Essay Winner
 Grade 11
 Home-Schooled
 Boalsburg, PA



Joe Levri
 2nd Place Essay Winner
 Home-Schooled
 Altoona, PA

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Blair County CCHL believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you our quarterly newsletter.

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*Whenever we hear 'pro-choice,'
we must ask, and urge others to ask,
'What choice are we talking about?'
If it's abortion, the question is,
'Do you think people should have
the right to choose to kill children?'*
*By opposing abortion
we are not opposing choice in general,
we are opposing one choice in particular — child-killing.*
~ Randy Alcorn ~