

## **President's Message**

As the holidays come upon us, most of us get caught up in the celebrations and gift shopping. But we should always remember the real reasons for the holidays. In Christianity, a young Jewish girl named Mary was chosen to give birth to a savior, Jesus Christ. Her yes has impacted our world immensely.

Every time a mother says yes to her baby, she impacts the world in a positive, life affirming way. Thank you all mothers and father who said yes. Let us pray that abortion will someday be not only illegal but unthinkable.

**Sal Rizzo**



### **March for Life: Friday, January 19, 2018**

Holy Family, Nazareth, \$15, family \$25, 610-365-2100, Rich Voloshin, [rbvolo@gmail.com](mailto:rbvolo@gmail.com).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem, Tony Saldutti, \$20 adults, \$10 children, 610-533-2711, [tsaldutti99@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldutti99@gmail.com).

Sacred Heart, Bath, adults \$20, children \$10, Karen Brynildsen, 610-762-2122, [nannybepop@enter.net](mailto:nannybepop@enter.net).

St. Jane's \$10 person, \$20 family, Call Sue Stigliano 610 253-0510

St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, \$10, donations accepted, Sue Mueller, 610-392-2957, [suemueller45@gmail.com](mailto:suemueller45@gmail.com)

Sts. Philip and James, Phillipsburg, NJ Stops at the Basilica for those who can't march. Call Colleen Wolters 908 454-9880

### **Mark Smeby Concert and Christmas Party: Saturday December 16, 2017**

Queenship of Mary Parish, 1324 Newport Ave, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067  
Doors open at 6pm

6:30pm: VIP Christmas Party and Meet and Greet with Mark Smeby. (one of the stars of Because of Gracia). Guest speaker Victoria Naoa of Silent No More Awareness. Suggested offering for event \$15.

7:30pm: Mark Smeby concert! (Free-will offering.)

### **2017 Election Pro-Life Winners**

PA Supreme Court: Sallie Mundy, Thomas Saylor (retention)

PA Superior Court: Mary Murray, Jacqueline Shogan (retention)

PA Commonwealth Court: Christine Fizzano-Cannon

### **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Essay and Oratory Contests**

ESSAY CONTEST: Open to Pennsylvania students in Grades 7-12. • Write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. • Word Limit: 500 for Grades 7-9 750 for Grades 10-12 • Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, home address, home phone number, grade, and school. Winners will receive cash prizes! Interested? Submit entries by March 12, 2018 to [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or mail to 4800 Jonestown Rd Suite 102 Harrisburg, PA 17109.

ORATORY CONTEST: Students must write and present 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 copy of the speech to the Federation by April 16, 2018. The contest is open to Juniors and Seniors. There will also be a Novice Contest for Freshmen and Sophomores.

The grand prize in the Junior/ Senior contest is an expense-paid trip to Kansas June 28-30, 2018 to represent Pennsylvania in the National Right to Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest. Cash prizes also will be awarded to all other winners.

For rules and details, contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at 717-541-0034 or [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org).

### **Abortion Survivor: I Feel a Burden to Be a Voice for Those Who Don't Have On**

**OPINION** LAUREN ENRIQUE DEC 2, 2016 | 2:49PM WASHINGTON, DC

([LiveActionNews.org](http://LiveActionNews.org)) — In 2014, a group of young pro-life advocates produced a stunning video called "[Listen to the Beat](#)." The video demonstrates the impact of abortion on the United States by playing the same number of drumbeats as abortions that occur each day in our nation. As the drums beat, a young man talks about the devastating toll abortion has caused in the U.S. and the pro-life generation's commitment to ending it.

In a stunning turn, the viewer learns that the young man is an abortion survivor himself. Josiah Presley, the young man in the video, is now a 21-year-old college student. Presley agreed to share more of his story with the readers of Live Action News. After surviving a dilation and curettage (D & C) abortion in South Korea at eight weeks gestation, Presley was born healthy, but with a disfigured arm — likely attributable to the attempt on his life. He was adopted at 13 months of age and came to live with his family in Oklahoma, where he would ultimately be one of 12 siblings, including 10 adopted children and the two biological children of his adoptive parents. Presley always knew he was adopted, but he did not know he was an abortion survivor until the age of 13.

"When I was told at first, I kept it to myself for a while," explained Presley. "However, as the Lord worked in my life and I began to get involved in pro-life ministries, God placed it on my heart to share my story." [Editor's Note: Presley spoke at a Life Choices banquet several years ago.]

### **Excerpt from How the ACLU Deceived Federal Courts to Approve an Illegal Immigrant's Abortion**

DAVE ANDRUSKO NOV 28, 2017 | 6:32PM WASHINGTON, DC

Hats off to Margot Cleveland, writing brilliantly at the Federalist. "[Supreme Court Throws Shade On ACLU's Illegal Immigrant Abortion Shenanigans](#)" is must reading, a welcome corrective to the narrative about the undocumented, unaccompanied teenager who had secured an abortion thanks to the ACLU and the DC Court of Appeals. In two of the final *NRL News Today* reports we noted that the Trump administration had forcefully argued [the ACLU had acted unethically in speed-walking the 17-year-old's abortion](#).

Indeed the Department of Justice had gone so far (as Cleveland describes it) “as to file a petition with the Supreme Court on November 3, seeking to vacate the D.C. Circuit’s decision that a minor illegal alien (Jane Doe) had a constitutional right to an abortion.” What we hadn’t talked about much was the derisive, condescending tone both of the ACLU and particularly Georgetown Law professor Marty Lederman. In a nutshell they argued the Trump administration had not been fast enough on its feet and was merely trying to find cover for its inadequate response. In other words, the response was not based on principle but was pure politics.

What Ms. Cleveland does—extremely well, I might add—is to show us how recent developments suggest a fundamentally different view of what happened October 24—the day the full D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a prior decision by a three-judge panel of the same court that had given the federal government until October 31 to find the girl a sponsor—and October 25 when Jane Doe aborted her 16-week-old baby.

### **THE ADVANCE OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF EUTHANASIA**

We have all been seeing the signs of a push for the acceptance of euthanasia. As just one example in the mail this week we received an alert from the Human Life Alliance of Minnesota. They are making us aware of groups such as Compassion & Choices (C&C) which are pushing for a so-called "right to die" in state after state. In 2017, legislation that allowed for the killing of those most vulnerable among us was introduced in a record 27 states. They are desperate to gain a foothold in middle America to "normalize" their cause. They are well funded and aggressive. So far pro-life organizations have been able to defeat them. HLA is publishing a new booklet "Imposed Death" and when they reach us we will alert you through this newsletter so that you can order a copy.

### **PENNSYLVANIA PRO-LIFE FEDERATION CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation gave a dynamic pro-life address referring to himself as a factivist.



Former National Right to Life Oratory Contest Winner from Easton Father Stephan Isaac gave an inspiring Closing



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