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President's Message

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?" St. Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa's words are prophetic in light of recent events. A culture that promotes death as a way to solve its problems reaps what they sow.

We need to continue to fight the good fight for life to help reverse our deadly culture into one that respects life from conception to natural death. Do all you can to help make this a reality.

Sal Rizzo



Senator Robert Casey, Pro-Life???

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey claims to be pro-life but his voting record does not support his claim. In 2017, he stood with Planned Parenthood, supported Obamacare's HHS Mandate and opposed defunding of Planned Parenthood for a **0% prolife voting record**.

His current vote for the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is suspect. Has he had a change of heart or is it politically expedient since he is running for reelection, to cast a "yes" vote, knowing that the bill would not pass? 44 Democrats and two Republicans voted against the bill (two pro-abortion Democrats did not vote.)

Violence in Society

After the Parkland, Fla. Shootings, Peggy Noonan wrote in the February 15, 2018 *Wall Street Journal*:

"What happened the past 40 years or so to produce a society ...so prone to violence?" She notes: family blow-up, divorce, unwed childbearing, fatherless children, internet, porn, drugs, violent video games and abortion.

She continued noting that the US Senate rejected a bill that would have blocked abortions after 20 weeks. Democrats said it was an assault on women's rights. As far as the Senate was concerned, it is OK to end the life of a 6 to 9 month baby that can live outside the womb.

Referring to this failure to ban late term abortions, Ms. Noonan says what she thinks teenagers absorb about the vote. "If the baby we don't let live is unimportant, then I guess I'm unimportant. And you're unimportant too."

Her solution to the gun law discussion in congress following the school shooting: "Trade banning assault weapons for banning late-term abortions. Make illegal the killing machine and a killing procedure. In both cases, the lives of children would be saved."

Pro-Life HHS Secretary

Alex Azar, the new Health and Human Services secretary is pro-life. He is expected to support the religious exemption and back conscience protection for health care workers who oppose abortion and assisted suicide on moral or religious grounds.

Mother's Day Flower Sale: Please support our carnation/rose sale, May 12 - 13



Pro-Life singer and song writer Joy Villa made a powerful statement at the Grammys by wearing a dress painted with the image of her unborn daughter. Fox News reports Villa, a conservative stand-out in liberal Hollywood, also carried a purse with the words "Choose Life" on it. Her white dress displayed the hand-painted image of an unborn baby modeled after her daughter and a womb in rainbow colors.

"I'm a pro-life woman. This year I chose to make a statement on the red carpet like I always do," she told the news outlet. "I'm all about life."

The singer/songwriter dedicated her dress to her daughter who she made an adoption plan for several years ago, the LA Times reports.

"I'm incredibly blessed to have given life, and I hope to encourage anyone in a similar situation to choose adoption," she said.

Pro-Life Students Not Welcome

Cecile Richards, recently retired Planned Parenthood President, was part of a panel discussion at Penn State University. The topic, "Beyond Choice: Barriers to Healthcare in Our Communities".

Pro-Life students who signed up to attend the affair were turned away at the door or their names were removed from the attendees list. The event was **"to engage our supporters only"**.

The Pro-Life students were not there to disrupt the event but to listen and ask questions.

Lehigh Valley Pro-Life Future is a pro-life group specifically for young professionals and recent college graduates. Pro-Life Future is a part of a new initiative from Students for Life of America, who has been wildly successful at organizing campus groups. However, they found out that many of their student leaders, post-graduation, often no longer took up leadership roles nor got involved in the pro-life movement, so they founded Pro-Life Future as a way to reignite their passion. The Pro-Life Future logo, three candles, with one lit, is a testament to that purpose.

Since the formation of our group we've had a lot of successes, including lobbying our US congressional reps to defund Planned Parenthood with a complete presentation. We reassured our congressmen that their constituents would be better off without Planned Parenthood and that the money would go to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's), which provide low and no cost health care. FQHC's also provide a larger range of health options than PP's limited gynecological care and birth control.

We've participated in multiple tabling events around the community including setting up a table at the Lehigh Valley Mall for the Nazareth Non-Profit Expo as well as setting up a table at multiple Black History Day events at City Hall and at Trexler Middle School. These tabling events have allowed us to grow our numbers and to allow the pro-life movement to be more included as a part of Lehigh Valley Community.

Finally, we have also thrown several baby showers for mothers who have chosen life in and around the Valley. These have always been joyous occasions, where the mothers and often the fathers have felt so blessed to have the support of the entire community! Some young mothers have expressed that by choosing life they have saved their relationships with their boyfriends and their husbands and were often able to grow in their faith. Many had no idea that support was available and so in their minds they felt as if abortion was the only choice.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 14 Helpers of God's Precious Infants, 8am Mass at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish, 1861 Catasauqua Rd. followed by rosary at the Allentown Women's Center

April 29 Reading / Berks March for Life 12-4pm at Berks Catholic HS, 955 E Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611 Email defendersoflife@yahoo.com for more info.