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Pennsylvanians for Human Life
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President's Message

Recently, I saw a stage production of "It's A Wonderful Life". The main character George Bailey at one point feels so desperate that he wished he was never born in front of his guardian angel Clarence. Clarence, trying to earn his wings, decided to grant him this wish. All of a sudden he saw how life would be so different without him in a frightening way and wanted to come back.

Think about how our lives are impacted by the over 61 million aborted children who could have affected people's lives in a positive and meaningful way. Look at all the harm their deaths have caused to their mothers alone.

Let us continue to work to save lives and make the world a better place.

Sal Rizzo

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: Thursday February 20, 2020 7pm at St. Anne's Church, 450 E Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18017. All are welcome to attend.

HELP WANTED:

Newsletter Editor: Need someone to put together our chapter newsletter four times a year. If you are interested in volunteering, email us your contact information at phlorat@ptd.net.

MARCH FOR LIFE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, \$25/person, \$75/family, Lisa Temple, Lisa_temple3@yahoo.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem, Tony Saldutti, \$20 adults, \$10 children, 610-533-2711, tsaldutti99@gmail.com. Also picks up at St. Thomas More, Allentown

Sacred Heart, Bath, adults \$20, children \$10, no more than \$30/family, Karen Brynildsen, 610-762-2122, nannybepop@ptd.net.

St. Jane's \$10 person, \$20 family, Call Sue Stigliano 610 253-0510 Eucharistic adoration at St Jane's for those who can't attend. Please mail check prior to trip to St. Jane's Respect Life Ministry c/o Sue Stigliano, 4607 Bayard St., Easton, PA 18045

St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, \$10, donations accepted, Sue Mueller, 610-392-2957, suemueller45@gmail.com

Sts. Philip and James, Phillipsburg, NJ, \$25/person. Stops at the Basilica for those who can't march. Stops for dinner on the way back at extra cost. Call Colleen Wolters 908 454-9880

2019 ELECTION PRO-LIFE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following candidates who won with the support of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

PA Superior Court: Megan McCarthy King, PA Superior Court Retention: Judy Olson

PA Commonwealth Court Retention: Kevin Brobson, Patricia McCullough

2020 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 2, 2020 to 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 10, 2020. 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 the National Right to Life Convention in Washington, DC on June 26-27, 2020 to represent Pennsylvania in the National Finals. 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.

Abortion Activist Admits Pro-Lifers are Winning: "It's Been a Rough Decade for Supporters of Abortion" (LifeNews)
State trend analyst for the Guttmacher Institute Elizabeth Nash spoke out about the increase in pro-life legislation across the United States in an interview with BuzzFeed News. The analyst, who works in Guttmacher's Washington, D.C., office and has studied abortion legislation at the state level since 1999, noted that pro-abortion policies took a hit in 2019.

"It's been a rough decade for those that support abortion rights," Nash told Buzzfeed, adding that pro-life policies are growing "like a steady drumbeat getting louder each year."

"In January 2011, the bills just started flying; the restrictions started moving very quickly," Nash said. "It kick-started the wave of abortion restrictions we've been seeing to this day, and because the pendulum hasn't fully swung back on the state level, it's been hard to push back."

Planned Parenthood Puts Woman's Life at Risk Trying to Hide 911 Call After Botched Abortion (LifeNews)

The Near North Planned Parenthood abortion facility located on North LaSalle Drive in Chicago, Illinois, recently called 911 for a woman suffering heavy bleeding after an abortion. On November 19, 2019, Planned Parenthood used a Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) to call the Intrado Emergency Call Relay Center, which, in turn, placed the call to the 911 exchange. It took about a minute to accomplish the transfer – a minute that could have been saved if a landline had been used to dial 911 directly.

“When women are bleeding out at abortion facilities, every minute counts, and each minute can mean the difference between life and death for these ladies,” said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. In fact, one of this Planned Parenthood's abortion patients, Tonya Reaves, died after an abortion in 2012, when her abortionist delayed calling for an ambulance for over five hours as she slowly bled to death.

The 911 recordings for the November 19th incident were provided to Operation Rescue by the Pro-Life Action League. This represents the fourteenth known medical emergency at this abortion facility in 24 months.

One-Third of Abortion Clinics Have Closed in the Last 5 Years, Saving Babies From Abortions (LifeNews)

Independent abortion businesses are closing at a rapid pace across the United States as states pass laws to protect unborn babies and mothers from abortion. A new report from the pro-abortion Abortion Care Network found that almost one third of all independent abortion facilities have closed since 2012.

The network is made up of independent abortionists that are not part of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion chain in America. Independent abortion businesses perform more than 50 percent of all abortions; Planned Parenthood abortion centers and hospitals and doctors' offices do the rest.

Between 2014 and 2019, 136 independent abortion businesses closed across the country. States that saw the highest number of closures were California at 15, Texas at 15, Florida at 11 and Michigan at 11, according to the report. Currently, there are 334 independent abortion facilities in the country, the report states. Independent abortion facilities do the vast majority of late-term abortions. According to the report, they perform 94 percent of all abortions at or after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Babies now are viable at 22 weeks. Meanwhile, very few new abortion facilities are opening. The report described it as only a “handful.”

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MORE LIES FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD (National Right to Life News)

Glenn Kessler of the Washington Post gave “Thousands of women died every year pre-Roe,” an assertion from then Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Dr. Leana Wen, four Pinocchios, the maximum given to a claim which contains distortions.

Briefly, Kessler tells us, “We dug through the statistics and it turns out she was citing numbers from the 1930s, before the advent of antibiotics. In 1972, the number of deaths in the United States from legal abortions was 24 and from illegal abortions 39, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

In explaining his “Four Pinocchios” [“whopper” status] designation, Kessler concluded “Wen is a doctor, [She] should know better than to peddle statistics based on data that predates the advent of antibiotics. Even given the fuzzy nature of the data and estimates, there is no evidence that in the years immediately preceding the Supreme Court's decision, thousands of women died every year in the United States from illegal abortions.”