

LifeLine

January 2010

The Manhattan Declaration – A Call of Christian Conscience

Orthodox, Catholic, and evangelical Christians have united to reaffirm three fundamental truths about justice and the common good:

1. the sanctity of human life
2. the dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife
3. the rights of conscience and religious liberty.

Over 175 Christian leaders have signed this historical Declaration in a commitment to these truths “no matter what pressures are brought upon us and our institutions to abandon or compromise them.”

All individuals who agree that the above truths are inviolable and non-negotiable are urged to sign the Declaration – not as partisans of any political group but as concerned citizens and/or committed Christians.

Go to www.manhattandeclaration.org to see the beautifully written document, along with "Frequently asked questions" and the impressive list of the original signers.

For our readers who are not computer-users: currently, e-mail is the only way to sign the Declaration; however, we hope to hear differently soon and get that information for handout at the “Roe v. Wade” events.

Sarah Palin and the Media

Why is Sarah Palin still under attack? Is it fear?

Janet Morana, co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, offers a most plausible explanation in an article entitled: “The Attacks Aren’t Because Palin is Pro-Life.” Here are excerpts:

Forty years ago women were sold the idea that babies and career advancement didn’t mix. Many chose birth control, delaying marriage and child-birth.

Their biological clocks ticked away and they sacrificed the most fertile time in their lives for career advancement and “true” happiness.

Enter Sarah Palin, once a school board member, a mayor, a governor and a vice-presidential candidate, with husband and children.

Her unplanned pregnancy ended not in the hands of an abortionist, but in the loving embrace of the Palin family.

Now when the women who sacrificed motherhood either by abortion or birth control look at Sarah, they can’t stand her, even if they can’t explain why. Could it be that they see in her everything they gave up?

A nation wounded by abortion with more than 50 million children lost to abortion, we have millions of women who have these repressed feelings. Many have suffered silently from these negative consequences since their abortion.

I know first-hand about the trauma and I invite anyone – woman or man – still dealing with the pain, shame and regret of abortion to visit www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org.

Abortion is NOT Healthcare

Our U.S. Senators continue to defend and vote for healthcare which includes:

Tax-payer funded abortions;

Potential rationing of healthcare; and (at the very least)

The reduction of Medicare and Medicaid payments.

Still (!) we need to contact both senators (again & again!) urging them to vote against all current healthcare bills.

Senator Mark Udall

Toll Free: 1-877-768-3255

D.C. Office: 202-224-5941

D.C. Fax: 202-224-6471

Senator Michael Bennet

Toll Free: 866-455-9866

D.C. Office: 202-224-5852

D.C. Fax: 202-228-5036

Please – Pray! Often! For all the people involved in these dark times.

Memorial Gifts

Received from
Alpha Business Forms
in memory of

Clint Leeper

<><><>
Received from

Lin Bugaj
In memory of

Joe Burger

<><><>
Received from

Cleta Jasper
In memory of

Joe Burger

God bless you all.

A Tribute to Lucile

For many years, Lucile Weatherly blessed us with a small but regular donation – often including short notes of encouragement.

Recently, Lucile went to be with the Lord. PPCFL will miss her words but we anticipate her continued prayers for our work.

“Higher Knowledge”

One response to our recent fundraising letter came anonymously with a copy of pages from “The Process of Incarnation,” having a religious direction obviously not Christian.

The premise offered was that babies only get souls at birth. To our relief, the following on behalf of Life was also included:

“...when you abort a fetus at any point after conception, you are really contravening the creative laws of the universe.”

[Whew! – ed.]

Help Save a Life *in 2010*

Planned Parenthood’s parking lot on West Colorado Ave is full every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with young women – scared and confused – going for abortions.

A growing number of people come on Saturday mornings to pray beside sidewalk counselors who pass out information and speak to the abortion-minded moms and dads.

These numbers are growing, but more are needed. Do we truly want to live in a community that protects life? The people of **Kalispell, Montana closed their PP** in November 2009, we can too.

Please – come to the next Sidewalk Counseling Class, Saturday, January 16, 12:00 – 3:00 pm at the PPCFL office (707-R North Nevada Avenue). Make your reservation today.

The Assault on Life and Freedom Continues

At the time of this writing, Congress hopes to pass a Healthcare bill in 2009. Anti-life pieces of both House and Senate bills remain.

The Bachus Amendment to the Senate bill includes funding of sex education under the heading of “Personal Responsibility Education for Adulthood Training.” [This is ‘healthcare?’]

Medicare is to be expanded to cover people at 55 years of age, adding 30 million Americans. The anticipated method of covering the cost of such expansion is to cut Medicare payments to healthcare providers, i.e.: rationing.

A minimum \$1.00 per month per enrollees in the new federal government insurance plan, the “public option,” will pay for the elective abortions done under that plan. [At \$25 per year from millions of enrollees, abortionists will be very well paid for destroying babies!]

The issues of “death panels” and pressure upon the elderly and disabled to choose assisted suicide are still distinct possibilities. Conscience rights for medical personnel are not yet protected.

Thank you who have contacted our congressman and our senators in various ways and many times. We must remember to undergird all our work with constant prayer for our nation and its people.

PPCFL Officers & Advisors

President – Mario Branciforte
Vice President – Ann Sullivan
Secy – Bernadette Johnston
Treasurer – Lin Bugaj
At-Large – Matt Niedzielski

Development – Jack Johnston
Newsletter – Cleta Jasper

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life
707R N Nevada
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Ph – 630-1999; Fax – 630-8880
e-mail: contact@ppcitizensforlife.org
web – www.ppcitizensforlife.org

A Special Thank-You...

...to each of you who so generously responded to our recent appeal letter.

May God return to you ten-fold your support of Life!

PPCFL is blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

The Exploitation of Hispanic Women

Bertha Burgarin operated a chain of 11 abortion mills in Southern California, all in Hispanic communities. Today, she is in prison for practicing medicine without a license.

Bugarin hired abortionists with histories of malpractice complaints, drug or alcohol additions and criminal convictions, including sex offenders.

When her low-cost 'doctors' quit, Burgarin, with no medical training, did first and second trimester abortions.

Bugarin has been quoted as preferring Hispanic communities, since those women may not be in the country legally and are less likely to report medical problems. The actual damage done to women in her abortion mills has not yet been established.

Her chain of seedy abortuaries is emblematic of what pro-lifers say is the exploitation by abortionists of low-income Hispanics.

Statistics for 2004 from the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, show that – in the 15 to 44 age range – there were 28 abortions for every 1,000 Hispanic women compared to 10.5 abortions for every 1,000 non-Hispanic women in the same age group.

In 2004 Ignacio Castuera became the national chaplain for Planned Parenthood. Senior pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in the Watts section of Los Angeles, Castuera's job is to convince Hispanic women they can choose abortion and still be in good standing with God.

In 2006, an Ohio Planned Parenthood distributed over 5,000 Spanish-language brochures at a Latin American festival in Columbus.

Much of the PP "outreach" is geared toward girls and younger Hispanic women with the message that their parents' moral views of abortion are for the 'old country,' not for America.

According to Raimundo Rojas, director of Hispanic outreach for National Right to Life, the so-called Catholics for a Free Choice also targets the Hispanics with a "prayer card."

With a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the front, the reverse side has a prayer asking the Virgin Mary to allow for free and legal abortions.

Excerpts: "Illegal Procedures," Lynn Vincent, World Magazine, 23 May 09.

"Texan of the Year"

Abby Johnson was the director of the Planned Parenthood abortuary in Bryan, TX, until last fall.

A longtime pro-choice activist, Johnson knew what happens in an abortion. She'd seen the ultrasounds of babies – but she had never seen an ultrasound image of an abortion being performed.

"For years, I had told hundreds of women who asked me if their baby was going to feel [the abortion] that, no, the baby wouldn't. I really believed that," says Johnson.

"When I saw on the screen this 13-week-old baby fighting to get away from that probe, I immediately knew that I had been lying to all those women and that Planned Parenthood had been lying."

On December 4, Rod Dreher, a Dallas Morning News editor captioned his column: "*Abby Johnson is my Texan of the Year.*" In it, he puts a 'face' on the pro-abort who becomes pro-life.

"She not only walked away from her job, but also much of her life. It may be difficult for pro-lifers to understand what an emotionally difficult decision it can be to leave the pro-choice side.

"People you thought were your friends suddenly turn on you. You aren't just wrong, in their eyes, but evil – and now, the enemy...Leaving that movement behind is to abandon a cause that had given you a sense of meaning, purpose and community."

According to Johnson, her clinic experience teaches that the lurid, aggressive tactics used by some pro-life demonstrators actually make clinic workers...more determined to carry out their work.

"Things like that just make people angry," she says. "If you feel any kind of anger, either toward the woman coming in for an abortion or the clinic workers, then your best place is at home in prayer, not out there on the sidewalks.

"There's no place for anger out there. The people who are angry and hurting are inside those clinics."

That there were kind-hearted pro-lifers ready to listen made all the difference for Johnson. Few people in the media will call her a hero, as did Dreher.

Commemorating Roe v. Wade - 1/22/73

March 4 Life Rocky Mountains

Martin Luther King Day
January 18 – 11:15 a.m.
Acacia Park

Preceded by Prayer and Praise

~~~~~  
National Speaker  
***Rebecca Kiessling***

Conceived in rape; Adopted in love  
...also...

Colorado Speaker  
***Kristie Burton Brown***

Driving force behind 2008 Personhood Amendment

~~~~~  
additionally

Excellent local speakers & singers

Followed by:

March to Planned Parenthood
14th and Colorado Ave
for prayer time and commemoration.
~~~~~

**Interfaith Prayer Gathering**

**Sunday, January 24, 2010**

**1:00 p.m.**

Evergreen Cemetery  
(Hancock Expwy, south of Fountain Blvd)

at the

**Monument to Unborn Babies**

Community Prayer and Fellowship

Light Refreshments following

**Remember all the preborn babies lost –  
both the wanted and the unwanted.**

Take the main drive past the office to just past the chapel  
on the right. Take the fork to the left, drive to its end.  
Ahead, the second section on your right is #102 where the  
4-ft high monument is located facing east.

Sponsored by Pikes Peak Citizens for Life