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Make Plans to March for Life!

January 22, 2007 will, once again, find thousands of Pro-Lifers in Washington, D. C. for the 34th annual March for Life.

It's hard to believe that for 34 years dedicated Pro-Life individuals have taken this day off work or school or family responsibilities to travel to the nation's Capitol, to remember the unborn babies who continue to die from abortion and to lobby our political leaders for legislation to end abortion.

January 2007 marks the beginning of a new session of Congress; Butler County has new representation in this Congress and we need to let those legislators know that we want their support for Respect for Life initiatives.

There are at least 10 buses leaving Butler County for the March this year; will you be on one of them? Bus information is included in this Newsletter; call the Bus Captain of the bus you wish to join for bus cost and details about departure time.



The March for Life is a Peaceful, Prayerful experience that you will be proud to share with your friends and family members.

Hope to see YOU this year!

Choose Life!

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Changing Hearts - Education is Key

Despite the defeat of some strongly pro-life candidates in November, the prospects for restoration of the culture of life in Pennsylvania are bright. Pennsylvania retained pro-life majorities in the state House and Senate. Unfortunately, they'll continue to contend with pro-abortion Governor Rendell.

Pennsylvania elected Bob Casey, a Democrat who opposes abortion on demand, as U.S. Senator replacing Rick Santorum, who will be missed as a national pro-life leader. We're grateful to Congresswoman Melissa Hart for her pro-life stand. Her defeat appears to be unrelated to her pro-life position.

With November behind us, it's time to redouble our efforts to ensure that we're ready for the day when Roe v. Wade falls. In southwestern PA, the struggle continues to educate the public about Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton. After attending several fairs, community days, and other events in 2006, I found the general public to be woefully uneducated about Roe and Doe.

Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, handed down by a 7-2 Supreme Court ruling in 1973, struck down abortion laws in all 50 states as unconstitutional. The Court declared a right to abortion throughout the entire pregnancy for any reason.

Roe said that states can prohibit abortions after viability “**except** where necessary...for the preservation of the life or **health** of the patient.” Doe however, which was handed down by the Supreme Court the same day as Roe, explicitly allows the abortionist to make the final decision based on an unlimited, broad definition of “health” – even in the last three months of pregnancy.

Most people don't know any of this. Many believe Roe and Doe only allow abortion in the first trimester, or that abortion will be completely outlawed when Roe and Doe are overturned. Many profess to be pro-life, but support pro-abortion candidates for office. Some who stopped to sign pro-life petitions at our educational booths in 2006 signed the petition with one hand, while holding a bumper sticker for a pro-abortion candidate in the other.

May God bless them with a higher wisdom. He can do that through us! When we take our message to the fairs, community days, church picnics, schools, and other public events, we're planting seeds! We speak the truth in love, and plant seeds of knowledge, wisdom,

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Thank You!

Our thanks to the many faithful members of our newsletter crew who gather, on very short notice, to help prepare the letters for mailing — fold, seal, sort, laugh, talk, snack! We couldn't do it without you.

Betty Jane & Mary Jo

Visit the PHL Website

You are invited to visit PHL online! Our website, phlbutler.org, contains past editions of our newsletter, lots of great links to other pro-life resources, current action alerts and other useful and interesting information.

If you are interested in receiving legislative alerts or receiving the newsletter electronically, please contact Marj Vincent at marjvincent@zoominternet.net.

Butler County Bus Captain List - 2007 March for Life

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Education (cont'd)

understanding, and LIFE.

PLEASE volunteer to help organize or work at a pro-life booth, write a pro-life letter to the editor, circulate a pro-life petition declaring opposition to Roe and Doe, and educate your friends and family in 2007! We can't prepare Pennsylvania for an overturn of Roe and Doe if they don't know what Roe and Doe are. How can they know what they are, if YOU don't tell them? The media won't tell them. The work is ours to do. Will you join us?

Contact the Butler County Pennsylvanians for Human Life to get involved.

Written by Bryce McMinn, Southwest Regional
Coordinator for the PA Pro-Life Federation, with
references to articles written by Education Director
Maria Vitale, and Legislative Director Mary Believeau.

Membership Drive

Please remember us when you move by completing the information below and forwarding to us, as this reduces our mailing costs. Please also consider suggesting to your friends that they become members of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and receive this newsletter. Any donations to defray the costs of producing and mailing the newsletter are most welcome!

To join or inform us of an upcoming address change, please complete the attached and send to Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Butler Chapter, P.O. Box 93, Butler, PA 16003-0093. Thank you and God Bless!

I support the purposes of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Southwest Region, Butler Chapter, and would like to be enrolled as a general member. Please add me to your mailing list.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Sign/Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

How I can help: _____

Your SIGNATURE is important, should anyone ever question our membership list.

The Biology of the Theology of the Body

“Why didn’t someone tell me?” could be the alternate title to Vicki Thorn’s presentation in Pittsburgh on Oct. 7, 2006. Those of us from Butler who were privileged to attend gained new insights into the awesome connections between biology, chemistry and theology.

Ms. Thorn is the founder of Project Rachel and is the executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing. She is an international speaker on the subject of biochemistry of human bodies, with fascinating insights into the physical and emotional changes that occur during the lifetime relationship between a man and woman.

Ms. Thorn presented answers to questions such as:

- 1 How does an abortion affect the relationship between the mother and father?
- 2 How does an abortion affect the relationship between the mother and future children?
- 3 How are we bonded chemically through intimacy?
- 4 How are men hardwired for fatherhood during pregnancy?
- 5 How do mothers bond with their children even before birth?

The answers to these questions present a beautiful picture of how the human body reflects God’s plan for human life and love.

For more information about Ms. Thorn’s studies, you can contact her through the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing at [www. Marquette.edu/Rachel](http://www.Marquette.edu/Rachel).

Pro-Life’s Inevitable Victory

As we enter 2007 and pass yet another anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, it is only natural to wonder when the unborn will finally receive the protection they deserve. Having recently lost some strong pro-life leaders in the 2006 election cycle, it is possible to get down and forget tremendous progress that has been made in the past six years (federal legislation recognizing unborn victims of violence, numerous state restrictions, two strict constructionists on

the Supreme Court, just to name a few accomplishments). Much still needs to be done to expand on these victories for life, but we should always remember that we are on the side that will ultimately triumph.

Pro-life will eventually win the day, I believe, because God wills it thus and has inspired all of us to work in this righteous cause. But there is also a more subtle

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Pro-Life’s Inevitable Victory (cont’d)

demographic force on our side that bodes well for pro-life and other pro-family causes.

Family-friendly and pro-children causes tend to garner support among families. And since families are responsible for the generations of tomorrow, these causes ought to have an ever-renewing (and growing) base of supporters. Anti-children positions, if generally held by those who practice what they preach, should grow weaker over time. In other words, the side that is having more kids will eventually have more supporters and therefore the advantage in the long run.

This demographic dynamic also highlights the need to combat two influences that often work to undo the pro-life values learned within the family: media and academia. We need to give constant witness to the value of life within the womb, supporting the pro-life message families teach. We need to educate as many as we can about the truth of pre-natal life and abortion, so that their only source of information is not the nightly news or a pro-choice professor.

If we can keep the young pro-lifers in the fold and continue to change hearts as we have been doing, the pro-life momentum will grow ever stronger and victory for the unborn will be inevitable.

End of an Era

After more than 30 years as a successful fundraiser, our vanilla sale is over. Once a steady source of funds, it has dwindled in recent years because people don’t bake as much and because, whereas the original Andre Company made it available only through organizations, the new manufacturer has placed it in stores.

We fondly remember Mary Lorenzini, who got us started with this project. We thank the many friends who displayed and sold it for us, starting with Reno’s Tailor Shop (Mary’s husband). Also Angelo’s Beauty Shop, Christy’s Beauty Shop (145 bottles over the years), Gospel Book & Music Center, Butler & Grove City locations (238 bottles), Kelly Chevrolet-Cadillac, Once Upon a Time Gift Shop, Knights of Columbus Butler Council, and our Farm Show booth.

We also thank Karen Ferraro, who managed “the business” for several years, and of course our members and friends who faithfully bought it all these years, even from Florida!

A reminder: We continue to sell pro-life items -- red rose pins, appliqués & stickers, tiny feet pins & stickers, bumper stickers, bracelets, magnets, greeting cards, etc.