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Choose Life!

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Time to Vote!!!***



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Words from the Chairperson: Your Vote Counts!

Fall is upon us again, and so is election time. Like the past several, in this election we know exactly where each Presidential candidate stands on abortion and other pro-life issues. There is no hemming or hawing; each has advanced a position in stark contrast to the other. Please see the enclosed comparison sheet of the two major candidates on the pro-life issues.

When you go to vote, please consider the pro-life issue along with your other concerns. And please remember that each vote does count. History is full of instances that demonstrate the enormous power of one single vote. For proof, consider the following history-changing cases that turned on one vote that was cast -- or not cast:

- ◆ By one vote, Oliver Cromwell was given control of England (1645).
- ◆ By one vote, Charles I of England was executed (1649).
- ◆ By one vote, King George I was placed on the throne of England (1714).
- ◆ By one vote, Thomas Jefferson won the Presidency over Aaron Burr when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives (1800).
- ◆ By one vote, John Quincy Adams defeated Andrew Jackson to become our 6th president when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives (1824).
- ◆ By one vote, Texas (1845), California (1850), Oregon (1859), Washington (1889) and Idaho (1890) were admitted to the union.
- ◆ By one vote, the purchase of Alaska was ratified (1867).

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Your Vote Counts! (cont'd)

- ◆ By one vote, Rutherford B. Hayes became president when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives (1876).
- ◆ By one vote, Hitler became the leader of the Nazi party (1923).

Additionally, the following presidential contests were determined by approximately one additional vote per precinct in a select number of states:

- ◆ Wilson over Hughes, 1916.
- ◆ Truman over Dewey, 1948.
- ◆ Kennedy over Nixon, 1960.
- ◆ Bush over Gore, 2000.

Please vote.

Next on the Agenda: March for Life in January

Thursday, January 22, 2009 marks the date of the Annual March For Life to Washington, D.C. This is a critical year for ProLife Americans to make a tremendous showing in the Nation's Capitol, to lobby a new President and a new Session of Congress. Whoever the new President may be, he needs to hear the Respect Life message from hundreds of thousands of us.

If your Church or group would like to charter a bus to this year's March, Butler PHL will be happy to assist you. If you are concerned about filling an entire bus, we may be able to help you combine with another group. It is important to start planning early and begin publicizing the trip as soon as possible.

Please let us know if you are planning on taking a Bus to the March this year. Our Butler PHL newsletter will publish more information on the March in our January newsletter.

Sincerely in Life-

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Donations

LifeLine

In Memory of:

Dick Rodgers by Wife

Betty Cadwallader by Mary Jo Koch

Betty Marzullo by Jan Benninger

Rev. James E. Friffiths by Family

David & Peter Griffiths by Mother

In Honor of:

Nicole Laborie – Birthday by Kirsten & all the Voelker Family

Other LL Donations:

- St. John's Reformed Church of Butler Twp
- Wm & Patricia Liberto
- Laura & Tom Alberti
- Tim & Rebecca Hall (via Carol Foster Appraisals)
- Mary Jean Montag
- Nancy Murrin
- Dee Bacher
- St. Peter's Parish Women's Council, Butler
- Carol Klann
- Esther McCorry, with Birthday wishes to "all"
- First United Methodist Church

- Joseph A. Lutz
- Ginger Martin
- Presbyterian Women of Hill U.P. Church
- Connie Dittmer
- Anonymous
- Alice & John Stehle
- Ann Lascuola
- Anonymous -- in Thanksgiving to St. Joachim & St. Ann and St. Francis of Assisi

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- Marie Horan
- Wendy & Gary Hoskin, Jr.

Special thanks for a very generous donation received shortly after the Farm Show concluded. God bless these donors, who lauded the work Lifeline does but requested anonymity.

As in past years, the Knights of Columbus again recognized Butler Catholic Respect Life Month by erecting their display of crosses in memory of the victims of abortion. Special thanks to Jim Kline for coordinating this display.

Visit the PHL Website

Just a quick reminder 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.

Vice-Presidential Candidates on Life

Sarah Palin

- * Opposes abortion and believes unborn children should be protected. As Governor of Alaska, supported pro-life legislation.
- * "...I am pro-life and have never wavered in my belief in the sanctity of every human life."

Sourced from NRLC Materials

Joseph Biden

- * Voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.
- * "I strongly support *Roe v. Wade* ... That's why I led the fight to defeat Bork. Thank God he is not in the Court or *Roe v. Wade* would be gone by now."

Farm Show Recap: A Big Thank You to the Volunteers

The booth at the Butler County Farm Show ran very smoothly this year thanks to great volunteers. We had every slot filled with two caring and capable volunteers and we even had multiple people on the substitute list. Thanks to all of you who willingly donate your time and talents. Thanks also to all of you that stopped by the booth to learn, visit and contribute. We received the largest amount of donations ever at the booth this year. A very generous donation even came in after the show in support of the good things that Lifeline does for those pregnant in our community. We are already brainstorming ideas for next year's booth. We will probably eliminate the DVD so if you have any suggestions or ways to bring people to the booth, please contact us at info@www.phlbutler.org. Thanks again for your support.

Also on the subject of the Farm Show, we welcome our 43 new members who signed up at the event. As you receive your quarterly newsletters, via U.S. Postal Service or e-mail, we hope you will find activities with which you want to become involved.

Our meetings, the first Monday of each month with a few exceptions for holidays, are **open to all**, 7 pm at the Lifeline Office. Many of you checked an interest in the March for Life. Information on that, including bus schedules, will be in our winter issue, but keep that date in mind: Thursday, January 22, 2009.

Whatever your pro-life interests, please come to our meetings to offer your input and to learn more about our plans. Thanks!

PA Pro-Life Federation PAC Endorsements

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC has released its endorsements of candidates in the fall elections. According to Charlene Bashore, the Legislative/Political Action Committee Director, *"There could be no clearer choice for President than John McCain. Barack Obama has the most liberal voting record of all the U.S. Senators and has vowed to make the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act his top priority if elected President. If enacted, the Freedom of Choice Act would completely do away with Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act. In stark contrast, Senator John McCain has a long pro-life voting record in the Senate. He is a supporter of strict constructionist justices like Justices Roberts and Alito. He will be a friend of life in the White House. Please feel free to download and distribute the Presidential comparison piece on the PA Pro-Life Federation's website: www.paprolife.org"*

Bashore continues with endorsements from the PACs for both PA Pro-Life Federation and National Right to Life: *"The National Right-to-Life Committee's Political Action Committee has endorsed Congressman Phil English for re-election to the 3rd congressional district. Congressman English is one four Pennsylvania Congressmen with a 100% pro-life voting record during the current legislative session. Former Congresswoman Melissa Hart has also been endorsed by the NRLC's Political Action Committee. While in Congress, Melissa Hart also had a 100% pro-life voting record."*

"The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee has endorsed Tom Corbett for re-election to the office of Attorney General and Jack Wagner for re-election to the office of Auditor General for the upcoming election."

"In the 41st State Senate District, endorsed pro-life incumbent Don White has no opposition and in the 21st State Senate District, pro-abortion incumbent Mary Jo White has no Democratic opponent."

"In the State House of Representatives, endorsed pro-life incumbent Dick Stevenson is unopposed in the 8th district. In the 10th district, Jaret Gibbons is the endorsed pro-life candidate. The PA Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee is also pleased to endorse Brian Ellis in the 11th District, Daryl Metcalfe in the 12th District and Scott Hutchinson in the 64th District."

Where Do the Candidates Stand?

John McCain

Barack Obama

Abortion on Demand

- * Voted to oppose *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.
- * “I have stated time after time after time that *Roe v. Wade* was a bad decision, that I support ... the rights of the unborn. I have fought for human rights and human dignity throughout my entire political career. To me it is an issue of human rights and human dignity.”
- * Co-sponsor of the “Freedom of Choice Act,” (S.1173) which would make partial-birth abortion legal again, require taxpayer funding of abortion, and invalidate virtually all state and federal limitations on abortion, such as parental notification laws.
- * “I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women’s rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as President.”

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

The partial-birth abortion procedure - used from the fifth month on - involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies of healthy mothers.

- * Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.
- * Did not vote for the Illinois Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act when it came before the Illinois State Senate.

Protecting Abortion Survivors

- * Voted for legislation that provides protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.
- * Voted four times against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that would have provided care and protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

- * Voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through the Medicaid program.
- * Voted consistently against federal funding of abortion.
- * Voted against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that prohibited taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for abortion.
- * His campaign has stated that he “does not support” the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through the Medicaid program.

Parental Notification Law

- * Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.
- * Voted to block a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.