

Butler Chapter



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Stop by to see us at the Farm Show

Once again PHL and Lifeline will sponsor a booth at the Butler Farm Show on August 6th through the 11th. This year we will be featuring a DVD showing ultrasound images. Watch the fetus kick, jump and wave his arms and legs. Our display will also include Watch Me Grow posters taking viewers through the various stages of fetal development. Pictures, hopefully, will be worth a thousand words. Challenge teens and young adults you know to stop by to try their hand at the Test Your Knowledge quiz. (The largest age group of women having abortions in PA is 20-24 years old — now you have one answer to the quiz!) We will have precious feet, lollipops and stickers for the children. Please stop by to show your support and sign our petition.

Pennsylvania Pro-Life Conference Back in Pittsburgh

Help Pennsylvania prepare for the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion, by becoming a more informed, more active Pro-Lifer. Join us for the 2007 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Conference on Saturday, November 3rd at the Radisson Pittsburgh Green Tree Hotel. The conference will include talks by Gianna Jessen, who survived an attempt to abort her; Dr. James Rossetti, an expert in life-saving adult stem cell transplantation; and Michael Glancy, the photographer who captured an image of an unborn baby grabbing on to a doctor's thumb. Pro-life adults and students won't want to miss this one-day conference.

Enclosed with this mailing is a registration form with more information about the convention. It is very reasonably priced, easy to get to, and just one day of your time.

Youth groups are encouraged to attend. Our chapter will sponsor youth groups by paying \$15 of the \$20 registration fee, per person. We have sent out more detailed information to many Church Youth Groups; if you did not receive this information, please call Gretchen Cararie at 724-898-2529 or e-mail gcararie@zoominternet.net.

Butler PHL is committed to helping as many young people as possible to attend this Conference. We have dedicated \$500 towards this project; if you would like to make a donation to assist us with this commitment, you may send your donation to Butler PHL, PO Box 93, Butler, 16003.

You can get additional details by calling the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at 1-717-541-0034 or logging onto www.paprolife.org.

Life Chain in the Area

Mark your calendars for Life Chain Sunday, which will be observed across our nation the afternoon of October 7th. Some area locations and times for this event include:

- Beaver - 2:30 - 3:30. 3rd street between E. End Ave. and Buffalo St. Contact: Deborah Sturm - 724-495-2721.
- Cranberry Township - 2:00 - 3:00. Route 19 @ Rochester Rd. Kay Burkot - 724-772-6749.
- Ellwood City - 2:00 - 3:00. Fountain Ave. & Fifth St. Dori McIlwain - 724-368-9742.
- Gibsonia - 2:00 - 3:00. Route 8 @ front of Richland Mall. Al & Joann Merhaut - 724-443-6186.
- Portersville - 2:00 - 3:00. Main St. Pastor Mike Charles - 724-368-3703.
- Wexford - 2:00 - 3:00. Route 910 near Rt. 79 & King's Restaurant. Marie Pfau - 724-940-9045.
- Zelienople - (call for date) 2:00 - 3:00. Grandview & Main St. Joann Mick - 724-452-5887.

Pro-Life Legislative/Judicial Recap

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban passed by Congress and signed into law in 2003 by President Bush. In ruling 5-4 in favor of the ban, the court reversed its 2000 decision, saying that banning partial-birth abortions -- in which living babies are nearly fully delivered before being killed -- does not violate the so-called right to abortion under *Roe v. Wade*. Keys to this judicial result were two new appointments of President Bush to our highest court: Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito. Both joined in the majority decision and will be crucial to any eventual reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

Also in judicial news, the Supreme Court upheld the right of pro-life groups to inform the public on life issues and to urge citizens to contact their elected officials regarding such issues. Wisconsin Right to Life had been prohibited from broadcasting ads asking citizens to call their senators and urge them to stop the filibusters of President Bush's judicial nominees, because these ads ran too close to an election and because the ads mentioned one of the senatorial candidates by name. Even though the ads did not take a position on the candidate, Senator Feingold, but instead only requested that concerned citizens call him regarding his vote on legislative matters, the mere mention of his name was enough to violate the McCain-Feingold campaign financing laws. The recent court decision restores a measure of safety for grassroots lobbying and is a good thing for pro-life groups everywhere.

Moving on to the legislation side, President Bush made good on his promise to veto legislation to expand federally-funded embryonic stem cell research, which involves the destruction of human life in order to harvest the stem cells. Of this veto, Father Kearns wrote the following in a recent editorial to the National Catholic Register: "His decision was unpopular in the polls, and did not help him further his desire for a cooperative Congress. But it was the only morally viable option for a man of conscience to make." We applaud President Bush for his defense of life in the face of intense pressure and note that the power of the presidential veto underscores the importance of having a pro-lifer as president.

We will be relying on President Bush to again use his veto powers in defense of life, as Congress is currently debating the granting of taxpayer funds to groups that promote abortion abroad. The legislation, promoted by pro-abortion forces to weaken the "Mexico City Policy" first put in place by President Reagan and then reinstated in 2001 by President Bush, likely lacks enough support to override a presidential veto.

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. Word is getting out -- the last several months have been among our busiest ever.

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

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