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WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN WRONG?

Shortly before he died, abortionist-turned-pro-life activist Dr. Bernard Nathanson gave Terry Beatley a mission. In her book, Terry reveals how she is working to fulfill his dying wish. Join us in reading our Fall/Winter Lit for Life book *What if We've Been Wrong? Keeping my Promise to America's "Abortion King."*

By using the code PaProLife at www.abortionking.com to order the book, you'll save 10%, support the Federation, and you will own a compelling and eye-opening book!

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2022

*You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
My very self you know.
Psalm 139: 13-14*

- Tragically, more than 62 million lives have been lost to abortion since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973.
 - Many post-abortive women say that they would have chosen life for their baby if just one person had supported them.
 - Help is available at pregnancy resource centers throughout Pennsylvania. For pregnancy help, contact 1-888-LIFE-AID or optionline.org or text HELPLINE to 313131.
 - Rachel's Vineyard offers help and healing to women who have had abortions. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for information about counseling and retreats in Pennsylvania.
- You can make a difference for life in your community. Volunteer with your local chapter of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Contact us at 717-541-0034.



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SANCTITY OF LIFE BULLETIN INSERT AVAILABLE

Churches are encouraged to download our Sanctity of Life bulletin insert to publish during the month of January when the anniversary of legalized abortion is marked. The insert can be found on our website at: www.paprolife.org/church-outreach.

Other Church bulletin inserts are available for Mother's Day, Independence Day, and Respect Life Month in October.

For more pro-life resources, see the article on page 8 about our podcast and the article on page 9 on pro-life apologetics.



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2022 PENNSYLVANIA PRO-LIFE HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

Be a LIGHT for LIFE!

Write and record a 5-7 min. pro-life speech.

For complete rules, visit PaProLife.org/for-students
Email speech link to lifelines@paprolife.org by APRIL 15, 2022.

PRIZES
SR DIVISION (11-12)
1st All-expense paid trip to 2022 National Right to Life Convention
2nd \$200
3rd \$100

JR DIVISION (9-10)
1st \$300
2nd \$200
3rd \$100

Write for LIFE!

Essay Contest 2022

Write a pro-life essay on *abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research.*

- 1st place: \$200
- 2nd place: \$150
- 3rd place: \$100

Prizes awarded in both age groups.

Word Limit
Grades 7-9 500 words
Grades 10-12 750 words

Essays must include a completed cover page available at www.paprolife.org/for-students.

Email essays to lifelines@paprolife.org or mail to
PA Pro-Life Federation
4800 Jonestown Rd. Ste. 102
Harrisburg, PA 17109-1741

Submit entries by March 1, 2022



Pro-Life Essay and Speech Contests

All Pennsylvania students in grades 7-12 are invited to enter our pro-life essay contest by submitting an original essay on the topics of abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Essays are judged in the **Junior Division** (Grades 7-9) and **Senior Division** (Grades 10-12). Monetary prizes are awarded for the top three essays in each category. All essay entries must be received by March 1, 2022.

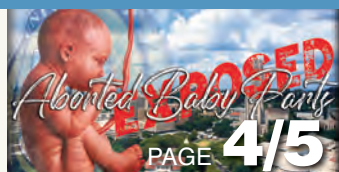
In addition, students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in our pro-life speech contest by writing and recording an original speech on the same pro-life issues. Speeches are judged in the **Novice Division** (Grades 9-10) and **Senior Division** (Grades 11-12). The student placing first in the **Senior Division** wins an all-expense paid trip to the **National Right to Life Convention** in June 2022. Other top finishers receive monetary awards. All speech entries must be received by April 15, 2022.

Guidelines and submission requirements for both contests can be found at: paprolife.org/for-students.

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WHAT'S AT STAKE IN DOBBS vs. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH

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For the first time in a generation, advocates for life have hope that the U.S. Supreme Court finally may overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the disastrous Supreme Court ruling which has led to the deaths of more than 62 million preborn children and the emotional wounding of countless numbers of mothers.

What's At Stake

At issue is a Mississippi law involving a 15-week ban on abortion in a case known as *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is honored to have submitted an amicus curiae, or friend of the court, brief, calling on Justices to overturn *Roe* as a result of the case.

The Federation's well-reasoned brief notes that **a pregnant woman and her unborn child represent two distinct patients who should be treated as such.** "In modern obstetrical practice, the physician treats two patients—the mother and her unborn baby—and strives to maximize and protect the health and well-being of both.

"Good medical practice requires this. It is rare that the interests of one of these patients, from a medical standpoint, conflicts with the other."

Roe is Not a Cure for Maternal Mortality

The brief goes on to say that "claims that abortion must be allowed on demand because abortion is statistically safer than childbirth should be rejected." The risk



of death is low in childbirth.

In addition, "although abortion is a medical procedure, it is rarely a medical decision. In the vast majority of cases, **abortions are sought for socio-economic reasons, not for medical reasons.**"

Also, contrary to popular myth, *Roe* was not a significant cause of a reduced maternal death toll from abortion. The lower number of maternal deaths can be attributed to "medical advances such as the development of effective antibiotics to manage infections and advances in medical technology allowing for blood transfusions and better administration of anesthesia."

Roe is Out of Touch

The brief goes on to say: "Roe was a radical decision that overrode the legislative judgments of all 50 states. It was based on a flawed understanding of the humanity of the unborn child and views of obstetrical practice that are outdated because they fail to treat unborn children as second patients in pregnancy.

"Additionally, it may have been based on false claims regarding the number of women supposedly dying from illegal abortion. It should be overturned."

What Would an Overturn of Roe Mean

Many legal scholars say that, if *Roe* is overturned, the issue of abortion is likely to return to the individual states. In Pennsylvania, that would mean that we would need to pass a new law protecting preborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion.

Such a law can only be passed if we have a state House of Representatives and a state Senate willing to enact it, along with a Governor who is willing to sign it.

Preparing Pennsylvania

The time to prepare Pennsylvania for an overturn of *Roe* is now. We need to contact our elected officials and let them know that we want the lives of preborn children to be protected under the law. Calls, emails, and even personal visits to state legislative offices are all helpful. This is the time for grassroots organizing and engagement, and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation stands ready to assist you in this high-stakes endeavor.

What if the Court Does Not Overturn Roe?

If the High Court does not overturn *Roe* outright, the Justices may issue a narrower

ruling which would still expand the possibility of additional pro-life laws being enacted across the nation. Still, even some pro-abortion forces believe that *Roe* will eventually be overturned. So it may be just a matter of time before we see the end of the *Roe* regime.

We as a nation have been at these crossroads before. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court took up the case known as *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. The case originated in Pennsylvania, and involved PA's landmark Abortion Control Act. That legendary piece of legislation requires informed consent, parental consent, a 24-hour waiting periods for abortion, and a ban on abortion after 24 weeks gestation except to save the life of the mother.

Pennsylvanians had high hopes the Supreme Court would use the case to overturn *Roe*. That did not happen. But the Court did largely uphold the Abortion Control Act, which helped to cut Pennsylvania's abortion rate in half. The law also became a model for the rest of the nation, with state after state passing new legal protections for preborn babies and their mothers.

A Pivotal Time in Our Nation's History

The *Dobbs* case represents a pivotal time in our nation's history. We at last have an opportunity to leave *Roe* behind and chart a new course as a nation—one that recognizes the inherent dignity and humanity of the preborn child. May the Justices of the Supreme Court be guided by reason—reason which demands that the rights of the preborn baby be recognized and honored.

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An "answer" to
unplanned pregnancies.

A "tool" for controlling
over-population.

A "solution"
for eradicating
Down Syndrome.

And now, a
"supplier" of human
body parts for
scientific research.

As the death toll climbs
past 62 million in our
country alone, abortion has
expanded from a misguided
social solution to a twisted
scientific experiment.

Tragically, about 2,400 pre-
born children are aborted every
day in our country. Sometimes
their body parts are harvested,
sold, and used in experiments,
all in the name of scientific
advancement.

Where do aborted babies
go? For some it is literally a
medical waste bag that will be
incinerated, but for others it's
to a lab to serve as the next
research project. And one of
the biggest fetal tissue "hubs" is
right here in our
Commonwealth.



University of Pittsburgh Under Fire for Unethical
Practices and Trafficking in Aborted Baby Parts

The Fetal Tissue Industry: Sickening Science

Pitt Exposed

The University of Pittsburgh, a taxpayer-subsidized institution, is under fire for gruesome experimentation using fetal tissue. Even more concerning is the possibility that fetal organs might have been harvested from babies while their hearts were still beating.

The Center for Medical Progress (CMP), a group of citi-

zen journalists that reports on medical ethics impacting human dignity, is known for their undercover investigations into the abortion industry. In 2014, they released 19 videos documenting conversations in which Planned Parenthood staff admit to not only selling aborted baby body parts, but also manipulating abortion procedures so that certain organs can be preserved whole.

More recently CMP partnered with Judicial Watch to obtain grant applications from the University of Pittsburgh to the National Institute of Health (NIH). Through the Freedom of Information Act, they were able to access documentation detailing research projects that use fetal tissue.

In an interview with the PA Pro-Life Federation, David Daleiden, the founder and president of CMP, shared what led him to look more closely at the University of Pittsburgh in particular and what he discovered.

Daleiden says he was aware of experiments done on live fetuses by a Pitt doctor in the 1950's. He also knew of testimony from 1972 in which a nurse swore she saw fetuses packed in ice and shipped off for experimentation at the University.

Then in 2014, while working undercover at an abortion industry trade show, Daleiden met a group of abortion providers from Planned Parenthood of Western PA (PPWP) who were also on staff at the University of Pittsburgh. On video they told him point blank that they supply baby body parts to the University tissue bank.

In 2019, when the FBI and Department of Justice began



Listen to the full PITT EXPOSED podcast with David Daleiden from the *Center for Medical Progress*. Go to paprofife.org and click on the *Positively Pro-life* icon to be taken to podcast listings.

an investigation into alleged illegal fetal trafficking because of CMP's undercover footage, an undisclosed source informed Daleiden that the FBI found the strongest fact pattern for that activity in the Pittsburgh area.

Ghoulish Science

Daleiden says Pitt's own paperwork reveals their intention of playing a major role in the fetal tissue industry. The GUDMAP Project is a \$1.4 million grant from the NIH to Pitt for precisely that purpose—to make Pitt a central distributor of fetal kidneys and other body parts for NIH-funded projects across the country.

What does Pitt do with aborted baby body parts?

"The grant applications read like an American horror story," says Daleiden. In one particular project the scalps of five month old aborted babies were sewn onto the backs of rats to grow hair. Daleiden notes the irony of scientists using the term "*humanized mice*" in such experiments when the humanity of the pre-born child prior to the abortion is not acknowledged.

Five month old unborn babies are 20-weeks old, just days away from viability, and able to feel pain. A typical abortion procedure at this stage would involve either dismemberment or injection of digoxin to stop the baby's heart. But neither method would yield "usable" organs for some research projects where whole, pristine tissue is needed.

In another Pitt research project from 2012, a protocol was developed to harvest pristine livers from 5-month old unborn babies to isolate stem cells for implantation into adults. Again, these livers were whole and untainted by drugs.

So how are intact and pristine fetal organs obtained? It's barbaric. Daleiden says that in some instances labor is induced, live babies are born,

and organs are harvested.

While the University of Pittsburgh has claimed no knowledge of how fetal tissue is collected at abortion centers, there is troubling information included in the paperwork obtained by CMP and Judicial Watch.

The documents discuss Pitt's assurance of minimal *warm ischemia* time, referring to the time between loss of blood circulation and harvesting of organs. Their grant application language seems to imply, according to Daleiden, that there is blood flow up until the time of collection. And he says that the University has never repudiated this.

"This is Kermit Gosnell-level activity," says Daleiden, recalling the Philadelphia abortionist who is now serving multiple life sentences for severing spinal cords of babies after they were born. For 17 years his House of Horrors was not inspected or held to any sort of accountability. Likewise, says Daleiden, no one has held the University of Pittsburgh accountable for research that may very well be based on partial-birth abortion or infanticide.

School of Death

There is disturbing overlap between the abortion industry and the college, with doctors from Planned Parenthood of Western PA on staff at the University of Pittsburgh.

Further distressing is that the taxpayer supported University partners with Planned Parenthood to train tomorrow's abortionists. Daleiden reports, "They are not just exporting baby body parts across the country with NIH money, but also with taxpayer money, they are training and exporting some of the worst Planned Parenthood abortion doctors throughout the country as well."

Daleiden says the medical director of Planned Parenthood of Western PA also sits on the *Institutional Review Board*

at Pitt, the organization that approves all fetal-tissue experimentation.

Additionally, Planned Parenthood is listed as a contracted care site for the University, which means they receive access to medical students, resources, infrastructure, referrals, and patient population.

Daleiden points out an apparent quid pro quo. Planned Parenthood supplies Pitt with fetal tissue, Pitt uses access to this tissue to get NIH grants, and Pitt send resources back to Planned Parenthood.

Legal and ethical?

Federal law (42 U.S. Code 289g-2) strongly prohibits the sale or purchase of aborted fetal tissue, but the law allows *limited* reimbursement for specific costs of *donating* fetal tissue. While the law is clear on this, many questions come to mind in light of CMP's investigation into Pitt.

How is a donation differentiated from an outright payment? What guidelines are in place to protect a pre-born child from a barbaric death? Who monitors conflicts of interests? Should the people doing the abortions and procuring tissue also be charged with approving research using fetal tissue? Is the woman obtaining

the abortion fully informed and consenting to such research?

These and many other questions prompted the PA House Health Committee to hold several days of hearings on abortion in April 2021. David Daleiden was one of many who testified. Those hearings can be viewed on PA House Video channel on YouTube.

What can we do?

On October 15, 2021, the PA Pro-Life Federation sent a petition signed by thousands of people to the Board of Trustees at the University of Pittsburgh imploring that such abhorrent research stop immediately. (See text box)

We are also calling on elected officials to conduct a full investigation into the matter, making sure there is complete transparency and accountability, and we encourage every Pennsylvanian to contact their elected officials to do the same.

Please consider sharing the resources included here so that others are made aware.

We cannot tolerate such horrific abuse against the dignity of human life.

We cannot be complicit in such sinister research. **We cannot and will not remain quiet.**

TEXT OF PETITION LETTER TO UNIVERSITY OF PITT TRUSTEES

Dear Trustees,

Enclosed please find the names of thousands of people who have signed our petition calling on the University of Pittsburgh to cease its research using the body parts of aborted babies.

These gruesome experiments, which include grafting human scalps onto laboratory mice, are unethical and a violation of time-tested principles of responsible research.

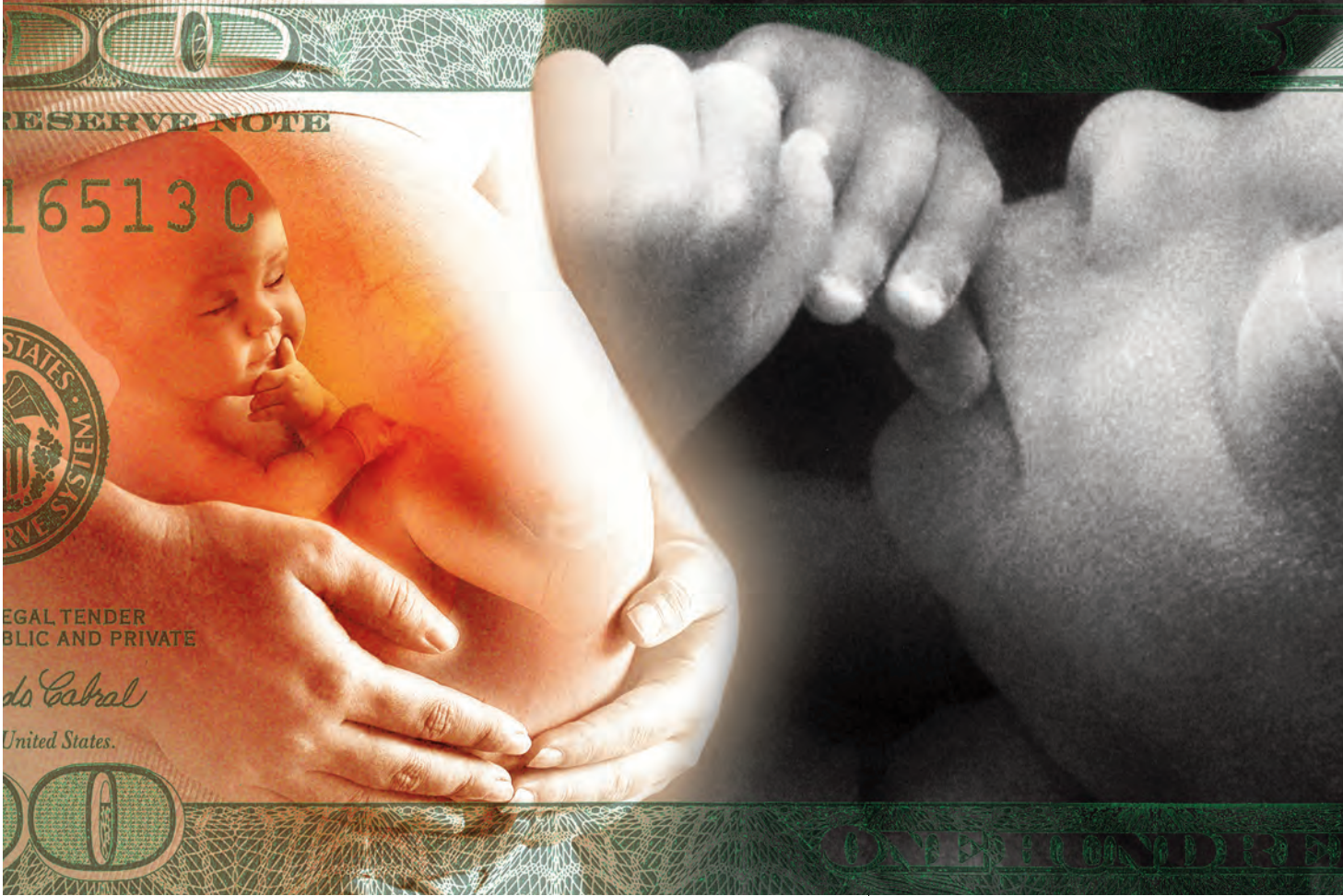
We are especially troubled by published reports alleging that human organs were harvested from babies whose hearts were still beating. These reports, based on documentation collected by the *Center for Medical Progress* and *Judicial Watch*, raise significant questions about whether the research at issue is in violation of state and federal statutes.

We have learned that you have hired an outside legal firm to investigate this research. But we are mystified by reports that the results of that investigation may not be released to the public. In the interest of complete transparency, we further call on you to make public the findings of this investigation.

As taxpayers whose hard-earned tax dollars help to support the University of Pittsburgh, we call upon you to stop conducting dehumanizing research using aborted baby body parts.

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Executive Director



DEATH & TAXES

Case Will Decide Whether PA Taxpayers Must Pay for Abortions

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Lawyers representing the abortion industry are seeking to strike down Pennsylvania's long-standing ban on taxpayer funding of abortion.

The attorneys filed a brief with the PA Supreme Court, asking the High Court to abolish the Keystone State's ban on Medicaid abortion funding in a case called *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*.

Not only does Big Abortion want Pennsylvania taxpayers to foot the bill for abortion. The abortion industry is also calling on the state Supreme Court to establish a so-called right to abortion under the PA Constitution.

Pro-Abortion Claim is Off-Base

This plea by abortion businesses flies in the face of precedent. Back in 1985, the PA Supreme Court ruled that the Medicaid funding ban was Constitutional in the case *Fischer v. Department of Public Welfare*. The abortion industry is brazenly calling for a court order which would overrule that common sense court decision.

In addition to launching taxpayer funding of abortion, Big Abortion wants abortion recognized as a "fundamental right" under the Pennsylvania Constitution. This is despite the fact that there is nothing in the text of the PA Constitution that recognizes that right. Nor is there anything in the history or traditions of our Commonwealth that supports a right to abortion. In fact, abortion was

banned in Pennsylvania prior to and at the time of the adoption of the constitutional provisions that are now relied upon by Big Abortion to claim that such a right exists.

Pennsylvania law states that "since it is the public policy of the Commonwealth to favor childbirth over abortion, no Commonwealth funds and no Federal funds which are appropriated by the Commonwealth shall be expended by any State or local government agency for the performance of abortion..."

Americans Oppose Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

National public opinion polls consistently show that the vast majority of Americans do not want their hard-earned tax dollars to pay for abortion—the taking of an innocent, unrepeatable human life.

Furthermore, Medicaid-funded abortions represent an egregious exploitation of the poor. Such a policy does not address the true needs of low-income women, but rather simply provides them with a cold-hearted offer to



abort their precious offspring. It is also highly discriminatory, with minority women disproportionately represented among the low-income population.

Commonwealth Court Sides Against the Abortion Industry

The PA Commonwealth Court previously ruled against the abortion industry in the case, saying abortion operations lacked standing and that the 1985 state Supreme Court decision should hold.

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation has filed an amicus brief calling on the state Supreme Court to reaffirm its prior well-reasoned decision in *Fischer* and to uphold the Commonwealth Court's decision.

Abortion Control Act in Danger

The *Allegheny* case threatens our time-honored Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act. The Act, which the U.S. Supreme Court largely upheld in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in 1992, provides a number of common

sense protections for preborn children and their mothers.

These include:

▶ **Informed consent**, meaning a woman must be offered information about alternatives to abortion and the risks of abortion prior to an abortion taking place;

▶ **Parental consent**, meaning that at least one parent must provide permission before a minor girl seeks an abortion;

▶ **24-hour waiting period**, or a reflection period, allowing the woman to consult with family members, friends, and other trusted advisers before an abortion can occur.

▶ **A ban on sex selection abortions**, meaning that a woman cannot obtain an abortion just because she's having a girl and wanted a boy, or vice-versa.

▶ **No abortion after 24 weeks, except to save the life of the mother.**

Before the Abortion Control Act went into effect in 1994, the total number of yearly abortions in Pennsylvania were about double what they are now. The law is therefore credited with helping to cut the Commonwealth's abortion rate in half.

If the state Supreme Court sides with the abortion industry, the Abortion Control Act would be wiped out. So would Pennsylvania's Abortion Center Regulation Law, which ensures that abortion facilities meet basic health and safety standards. Before that law went into effect, hair and nail salons were more closely monitored than abortion centers.

Additional Gosnells?

The state legislature passed the Abortion Center Regulation Law in response to the massive tragedy in West Philadelphia, where **abortionist Kermit Gosnell plied his grisly trade**. Gosnell was ultimately convicted of murdering three newborn

babies and committing involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of female immigrant patient Karnamaya Mongar. He is now serving three consecutive life terms in prison.

Prosecutors and the grand jury in the Gosnell case referred to his filthy facility as a **"House of Horrors,"** where infanticide was commonplace. Grand jurors concluded that pro-abortion politics

“
Pass an
Amendment
to the
Pennsylvania
Constitution.
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during the era of Governors Tom Ridge and Ed Rendell had kept Gosnell in business. Because of political machinations, Gosnell's abortion facility **was not inspected for an astounding 17 years.**

Advocates for life fear that, if the Abortion Center Regulation Law is thrown out by the state Supreme Court, the situation could give rise to "other Gosnells," endangering both newborn infants and their mothers.

Constitutional Amendment May Be Key

In light of the grave circumstances posed by the *Allegheny* case, advocates for common sense abortion laws believe the best hope

for safeguarding protections for preborn babies and their mothers may be an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution. Constitutional Amendments in PA must pass both chambers of the General Assembly in two consecutive sessions, then be placed on the ballot for voters to decide. A Constitutional Amendment does not require a Governor's signature, so such a measure can be passed without interference from Pennsylvania's pro-abortion Governor, Tom Wolf.

We do not want to see the state Supreme Court turn back the clock on hard-fought protections for Life. That is why a Constitutional Amendment may be **critical to saving lives and safeguarding the well-being of women in the Keystone State.**

ACTION ITEM:

Please contact your state Representative and state Senator urging them to support an amendment to the PA Constitution preventing your hard-earned tax dollars from paying for abortions in Pennsylvania and safeguarding protections for preborn babies and their mothers. *If you do not know the names of your state lawmakers, or you need contact information, please visit our website at www.paprolife.org.*



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Positively PRO-LIFE!

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Podcasting for LIFE!

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Language evolves. Words now exist that didn't when I was growing up. Words like Twitter, Zoom, and podcast.

And they are ubiquitous! Everyone seems to Tweet, Zoom, and subscribe to podcasts.

We at the Federation are right there with them!

In keeping with our goal of reaching a broader and younger audience, we launched a new outreach last summer.

In June our podcast *Positively Pro-Life* debuted on WWDBAM Talk Radio in the Greater Philadelphia region. Since then our podcast has also begun airing on Holy Family Radio WHYF-AM in Harrisburg. All podcasts are posted to WWDBAM.com for streaming anytime, anywhere, while podcast links are posted to our website and social media.

The title *Positively Pro-Life* has dual meaning. First, we feature positive pro-life news in our Inspirations segment. Second, we are definitively, one hundred percent, *positively* pro-life, advocating for **all** human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

In addition to weekly inspiration, each podcast features a segment on pro-life legislation and a guest interview. Legislative Director Maria Gallagher provides current updates on any proposed policies or legislation relevant to life issues, such as the Hyde Amendment, Equal Rights Amendment, and the Supreme Court case, *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health*, for which the Federation submitted an amicus brief.

Because we record the podcast by Zoom, we have the ability to talk with guests anywhere in the state or nation. We interviewed Californian **David Daleiden** of the *Center of Medical Progress* about his

investigation into the University of Pittsburgh's research using aborted baby body parts. We talked with Texan **Lauren Enriquez**, Communications Director for *Students for Life*, about that organization's growing presence and influence on college campuses around the country.

We interviewed FOX News personality and Celebrate Life Keynote Speaker **Rachel Campos-Duffy**, as well as banquet award winners **Fr. Denis Wilde** of *Priests for Life* and Detective **James Wood** who was the lead investigator on the Gosnell case.

Other guests have included **Cecily Routman**, founder of the *Jewish Pro-Life Foundation*, **Monica Snyder**, president of *Secular Pro-Life*, Pastor **Clenard Childress**, developer of the website *BlackGenocide.com*, and **Monica Kelsey**, founder of *Safe Haven Baby Boxes*.

All of our guests bring a unique and highly valued perspective to our podcast. Their pro-life experiences and insights vary, showcasing the richness and depth of the pro-life movement.

The podcast is scattering pro-life seeds far and wide, reaching an audience that may be new to our mission. Podcasts in general are extremely popular. According to *Podcast Insights*, the number of people listening to a podcast monthly increased from 32% to 37%, while weekly listeners has increased from 22% to 24%, with a continuing upward trend expected.

And just who is the podcast audience? The 55+ population comprises about 23% of listeners, the 35-54 age group comprises 40% of listeners, and those aged 12-34 make up 37% of listeners. Added together, that means over 75% of listeners are under 55, giving us the opportunity to reach those people who've always known abortion to be legal under *Roe v. Wade*.

Airing the podcast on a secular radio station in the Philadelphia area every Wednesday at 6 p.m. presents a special opportunity to the Federation. As the southeastern part of the Commonwealth has the highest rate of abortion, providing a strong and clear pro-life message to residents of that geographic area is especially important.

Our podcasts are underwritten by the generous support of Federation donors, making them partners with us in educating minds and transforming hearts using this far-reaching and ever growing media tool.

Check out our latest podcast or any past podcasts by clicking on our pictures at www.paprolife.org. Help us by sharing the podcast via email or social media so that a positively pro-life message can reach even more ears.

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WHAT DO I *Say* TO THAT?

As the abortion debate heats up due to pending court cases and legislation, we must be armed with the truth.

Here are some of the more common arguments for abortion and how we might reply to them.

As always, speaking truth in charity is the most effective path to transforming hearts.

“It’s My Body, It’s My Choice”

In every pregnancy, there are **two** bodies. A genetically unique child **already exists** within the mother’s body-- this child is a **separate** human being. While we have the right to personal body autonomy, we do not have the right to destroy other bodies. There’s a saying that *your liberty to swing your fist ends where my nose begins*. Our freedom to do what we want **ends** when it endangers someone else.

“There’s a Constitutional Right to Abortion”

There is no explicit right to abortion in the Constitution. *Roe* said that a woman’s “right” to abortion was **implicit** in the *right to privacy* protected by the 14th Amendment. Yet, the amendment itself makes **no** mention of *right to privacy*. The 14th amendment does **explicitly** say that no State shall make a law depriving any person of **life, liberty, or property**, without due process nor deny equal *protection* of law.

“Rape/ Incest”

While rape and incest are traumatic, abortion can cause further trauma by adding a **second** act of violence that claims the life of an innocent child. In addition, the circumstances of conception do not negate **humanity**. Place two ultrasounds side by side and it would be **impossible** to discern which child was conceived in rape. Victims deserve compassionate care and support from those around them, not pressure or expectation to abort.

“Pro-life is really just pro-birth”

Thousands of pregnancy resource centers across our country not only help women choose life, but also offer a myriad of support services that offer **long term help**. In addition to counseling and material goods, these centers connect women to social services that can help with housing, education, and employment. In addition, they frequently offer parenting classes, relationship and sexual health education, fatherhood programs, and adoption services. Women are empowered through the relationships built. These centers and the communities that support them work to **eliminate the crisis**, not eliminate the child.

“It’s Just Tissue, a Clump of Cells”

The **science** of embryology tells us otherwise. At conception, a completely **new** and **distinct** human being exists. At **22 days** after fertilization, a **heartbeat** is detectable. By six weeks, **brain activity** is recordable. By nine weeks, the fetus has more than **1 billion cells** and can sigh, stretch, and suck his thumb. The latest research indicates **pain** may be felt as early as 12 weeks. This is a highly complex “clump of cells.” In reality, **we are all a clump of cells** that live, change, and grow throughout our entire lives.

“Saving the Life of the Mother”

Medical advances make it highly **unlikely** that a maternal condition during pregnancy would be untreatable. In the very **rare** instance where a woman’s life is endangered, the American Academy of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) recommends **inducing premature delivery** to treat mother and child, with every effort made to save **both** lives. There is **no justification** for killing the baby in utero when the baby can be delivered. Abortion in a later stage of pregnancy poses more **danger** to the mother than delivery.

“Abortion is a decision between a woman and her doctor”

The overwhelming majority of abortions take place at free standing abortion centers where no doctor-patient relationship has been established. With the increase in chemical abortions and telemedicine, it is possible that a woman may not even be examined by a doctor prior to or after her abortion.



There's always a reason to choose life.™



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Overwhelming Sold-Out Crowd Response Undaunted Determination Displayed During Gala



Rachel Campos-Duffy held the audience spellbound with her brand of truth upon truth.

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On September 22, the determination quotient at the 2021 Celebrate Life Banquet kept getting higher and higher as pro-lifers made their way through a sea of tables to seats that would be their home for the evening.

I recall so many people filing into the ballroom of the recently renamed Penn Harris Hotel. Now I am pondering all the reasons why 600 people from all walks of life would leave the comfort of home to travel up to 200 miles for dinner? Let's see...

One and a half years of enduring the worst pandemic of our lifetimes, especially being forced into isolation, made some people determined to reunite with old friends and meet new ones.

Since the 2020 Celebrate Life Banquet, the top leadership of our nation did a radical 180 degree turn. Many people came this year because they are absolutely determined to stop the radically pro-abortion Biden/Harris administration from using our tax-dollars to bankroll the abortion industry.

Because of these terrible threats to LIFE, people were also determined to donate generously to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Fed-

eration Education Fund, blowing the lid off the record books by exceeding total donations of all past Celebrate Life Banquets!

Thank you for that.

Further, a more pro-life leaning United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal of a Mississippi law that many believe could end the tyranny of *Roe v Wade*. Pennsylvanians were determined to celebrate this hopeful sign, an indication the hard work of confirming pro-life judges and justices to federal courts over the last four years will yield pro-life gains in laws and public policy.

When many people who have known Fr. Denis G. Wilde, O.S.A., the Villanova-based associate director of Priests for Life, found out that he would be honored with the 2021 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Lifetime Achievement Award, they were determined to support Father's decades of faithful service to pre-born babies and their mothers.

In like manner, the opportunity to see pro-life super hero Detective James Wood receive the 2021 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Leadership Award on the tenth anniversary of the public release of the infamous Gosnell grand jury investigation, made people determined to honor his work of bringing the abortionist to justice.

A great majority of folks who showed up were determined to see in person someone whom they have invited virtually into their own homes for some time now. And they were not disappointed.

Rachel Campos-Duffy is not your typical media superstar. She's very different!

The week before her engagement with the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Rachel and her husband Sean moved their family from the mid-west to the New York metro area, allowing for a shorter commute and more family time.

On the morning of the Celebrate Life Banquet, Rachel co-hosted FOX & Friends at 6:00 a.m. in New York City. When she finally got off work, rather than going home to unpack more boxes, she

picked up her daughter and drove to Harrisburg.

I was not completely surprised the first time Rachel called us from her car to let us know that she was stuck in slow-moving traffic. The second and third time she called made me increasingly nervous. But, do you know what?

Rachel Campos-Duffy was determined to get to the 2021 Celebrate Life Banquet because she had important things to say! Things that nobody else can say the way she does in her down-to-earth style. She takes the gobbledegook spewed by the purveyors of abortion and explains the truth proudly and clearly.

A well-known author, communications consultant, and television personality specializing in political analysis, culture, and parenting, Rachel is also the mother of NINE children! If you are the mother of a large family I can guarantee you that your kids will keep you humble and down-to-earth.

So, what did Rachel Campos-Duffy have to say?*

She said that pro-life pregnancy resource centers should be called "women empowerment centers" because they empower women with information needed to make life-affirming decisions.

She pointed out that the Biden Administration is the most radically pro-abortion administration in U.S. history. Meanwhile, she asserted that we have not even begun to see the impact of the pro-life judges appointed by Biden's predecessor, pro-life President Donald Trump.

In a speech that earned her a prolonged standing ovation, Rachel indicated that abortion proponents engage in a linguistic sleight-of-hand that tries to conceal life-affirming truth.

"I refuse to play their evil

word games and you should too," she said.

Rachel added that, for pro-lifers, hard work and tenacity are beginning to pay off. She noted that millions of little kids are seeing their siblings in utero, leading to a new generation of pro-lifers. "Our opponents are the science deniers," she added.

She proclaimed that pro-life advocates are the protectors of the poor, including minority women and their children. Meanwhile, Rachel decried the eugenic philosophy that has led to widespread abortions of children with special needs.

As the mother of a child with an extra chromosome, she pointed out that the nation of Iceland "exterminated an entire class of people" through the abortion of babies with Down syndrome.

As far as the U.S. is concerned, Rachel said that "abortion has divided America" and that "America will never be united until the evil of abortion is resolved."

Yet, she sees great reason for hope.

"...Let's recommit today to our noble cause and to being happy warriors... we fight to preserve liberty and life for ourselves, our daughters, and all of our children," Rachel exhorted everyone.

This brief summary is just a glimpse. If you missed the speech or want to see it again and share with others, please visit our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PAProlifeFederation>. Look for the 35-minute video posted on September 23, 2021 titled: **Rachel Campos-Duffy Keynote Address.**

* Excerpts from Maria Gallagher, "Campos-Duffy says 'America will never be united until the evil of abortion is resolved,'" NRL News Today, September 23, 2021

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CHAPTER EVENTS



1. Don Galade and Maryann Lawhon, co-producers of the *Voice of John* speaking at St. Joseph's Church in Berwick
2. Dr. Frank Polidora, Hazleton physician speaking on Gospel-centered politics at a *Voice of John* presentation
- 3 The Centre Country Life Chain held in October gave witness to life!



PHOTOS 4 & 5
Bucks County Right to Life held a rummage sale in August, raising \$10,000 that was split among five pregnancy help centers in Bucks County. In addition, baby clothes and supplies were donated to an outreach center located at **St. Joachim's Parish** in Philadelphia.



PHOTO 8
Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life group traveled to Harrisburg for the first annual **Pennsylvania Rally for Life**.

PHOTOS 6 & 7
Citizens Concerned for Human Life Cambria/Somerset Chapter held a pro-life **Prayer Breakfast** in October, drawing over 300 attendees. The star of the **"UNPLANNED"** movie, **Ashley Bratcher**, keynoted and PPLF Executive Director **Michael Ciccocioppo** served as emcee.

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