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The 2022 midterm election demonstrates that your voice is more critical than ever in protecting preborn children, their mothers, the frail elderly, and people with disabilities from harm.

With pro-abortion Democrat Josh Shapiro controlling the Governor's Office starting next year, advocates for life will need to be motivated and prepared to counter any pro-abortion initiatives coming from Pennsylvania's new chief executive.

Meanwhile, with the election of pro-abortion Democrat John Fetterman to the U.S. Senate, pro-life Pennsylvanians will need to raise their voices in opposition to efforts to pass radical legislation along the lines of the so-called Women's Health Protection Act. That dreadful legislation would wipe out state protections for preborn children and their mothers, such as parental consent, informed consent, and 24-hour waiting periods for abortion.

Please consider making this your personal five-step plan for countering the pro-abortion agenda in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C.:

➤ **Set a goal to grow as a pro-life educator.** We need people throughout Pennsylvania to counter the many lies of the abortion industry with fact-based, scientifically sound information. *For resources, visit our new state-of-the-art website at [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org).*

➤ **Pass on a pro-life legacy.** Engage young people with the life-saving, life-changing pro-life message. Encourage them to enter our PA Pro-Life Essay and Oratory Contests. Support pro-life clubs at high schools and universities. Consider becoming a pro-life mentor to a young person. Be a voice for life!

➤ **Schedule a meeting with your state representative and/or state Senator.** Prepare a packet of materials to help to educate the lawmaker about the pro-life cause. To obtain materials, free of charge, contact us at [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or at 717-541-0034.

➤ **Join a local chapter of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.** At this point in our Commonwealth's history, citizen engagement is more important than ever before. Through your local chapter, you can educate the community about the cause of life. To

find out more, please visit our website or call our office.

➤ **Join our PA LifeLinks email list.** This weekly email includes important legislative alerts at the state and federal level, informing you when you need to contact your lawmakers about critical policy initiatives.

The pro-life movement in Pennsylvania remains vibrant, thanks to the dedication of donors such as yourself. Our movement represents a marathon, not a sprint, and its success is not determined by a single election. Science, the truth, and goodness are on our side. Working together, we can communicate our life-affirming message in a winsome way that will attract other people to our valiant cause. Now is no time to give up. It is a time to reboot, knowing that, in the end, justice will triumph. After all, it took nearly 50 years for the travesty of *Roe v. Wade* to be righted and the issue of abortion policy to be returned to the individual states. The lives of precious preborn children and the welfare of their mothers and fathers depend on our dedication and devotion to duty.



**TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION TAKES CENTER STAGE** Supreme Court to issue decision in the coming months.



**Life in a Post-ROE World** Now that Roe is overturned...NOW WHAT? A look ahead at a world without *Roe v. Wade* as law of the land.



**Leadership for Pennsylvania in the Post-ROE Era** Introducing Christopher E. Pushaw, Esq. as the new Executive Director and General Counsel of the PA Pro-Life Federation.



**Speaking Life Across PA** The best way to combat misinformation is education — PA Pro-Life staff travels across PA to convey facts and speak the truth about abortion.



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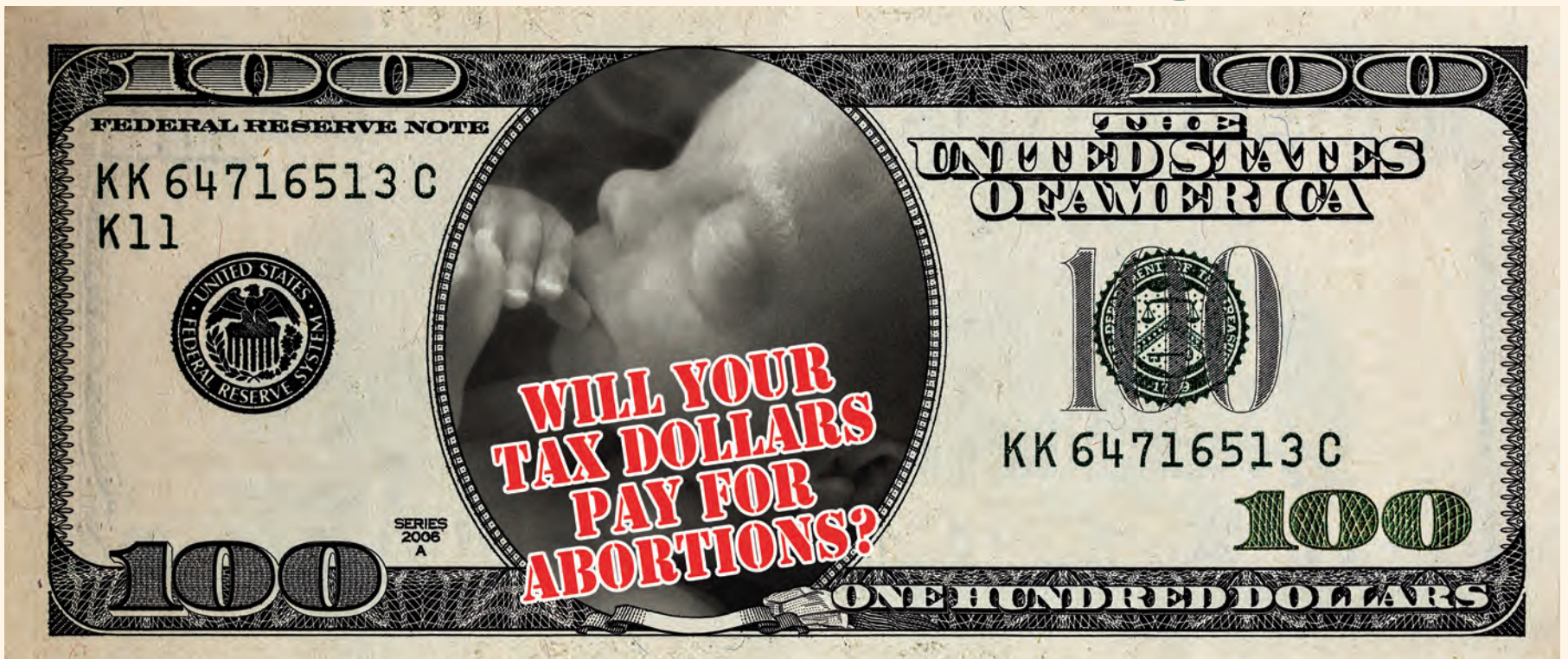


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# Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Takes Center Stage



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Pennsylvania's long-standing ban on taxpayer funding of abortion took center stage at the PA Supreme Court recently.

**A group of abortion facilities, led by an abortion center in Pittsburgh, has filed suit to demand a right to taxpayer funding of abortion under the PA Constitution.**

If the High Court rules in favor of the abortion industry, it would be violating a 1985 precedent in which the Court declared there is no Constitutional right to taxpayer funding of abortion.

The abortion centers, led by Allegheny Reproductive Health Center, are claiming that the Medicaid abortion ban violates PA's Equal Rights Amendment, which states that a service cannot be denied on the basis of sex.

But an attorney representing PA state Senators, Matthew Haverstick, stated, "This is not a case about the right to abortion in Pennsylvania. This is a funding case."

Currently, PA's Medicaid program pays for abortion only in the rare cases of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother.

The PA Supreme Court is expected to issue its decision in the coming months.

Anticipating that the Court would go against precedent and rule in favor of the abortion industry, the state legislature earlier this year passed a Constitutional Amendment declaring no right to taxpayer funding of abortion under the PA Constitution.

PA Senate Bill 106 contained a Constitutional Amendment declaring no state Constitutional right to abortion or taxpayer funding of it. The measure passed both the PA House and Senate. But a Constitutional Amendment must pass the state legislature in two consecutive sessions before it

can be placed on the ballot for voters to decide

**Contrary to claims made by the abortion industry and its activists, the proposed amendment would not ban abortion. It would simply ensure that the people, through their duly elected representatives in the state legislature, can decide abortion policy, rather than a handful of largely unaccountable judges.**

In a recent op-ed, the bill's sponsor, Republican state Senator Judy Ward, wrote:

*"There have been claims that the amendment is an abortion ban. This is completely false. Unfortunately, the falsehoods don't stop there. Some have reported that if this amendment goes into effect, people's ability to use in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatments will be at risk. Others state that ectopic pregnancies will be forced to term regardless of if doing so would kill the mother, or that D&C procedures will be outlawed, forcing those who have miscarriages to risk serious*

*infection and disease. None of those statements are true.*

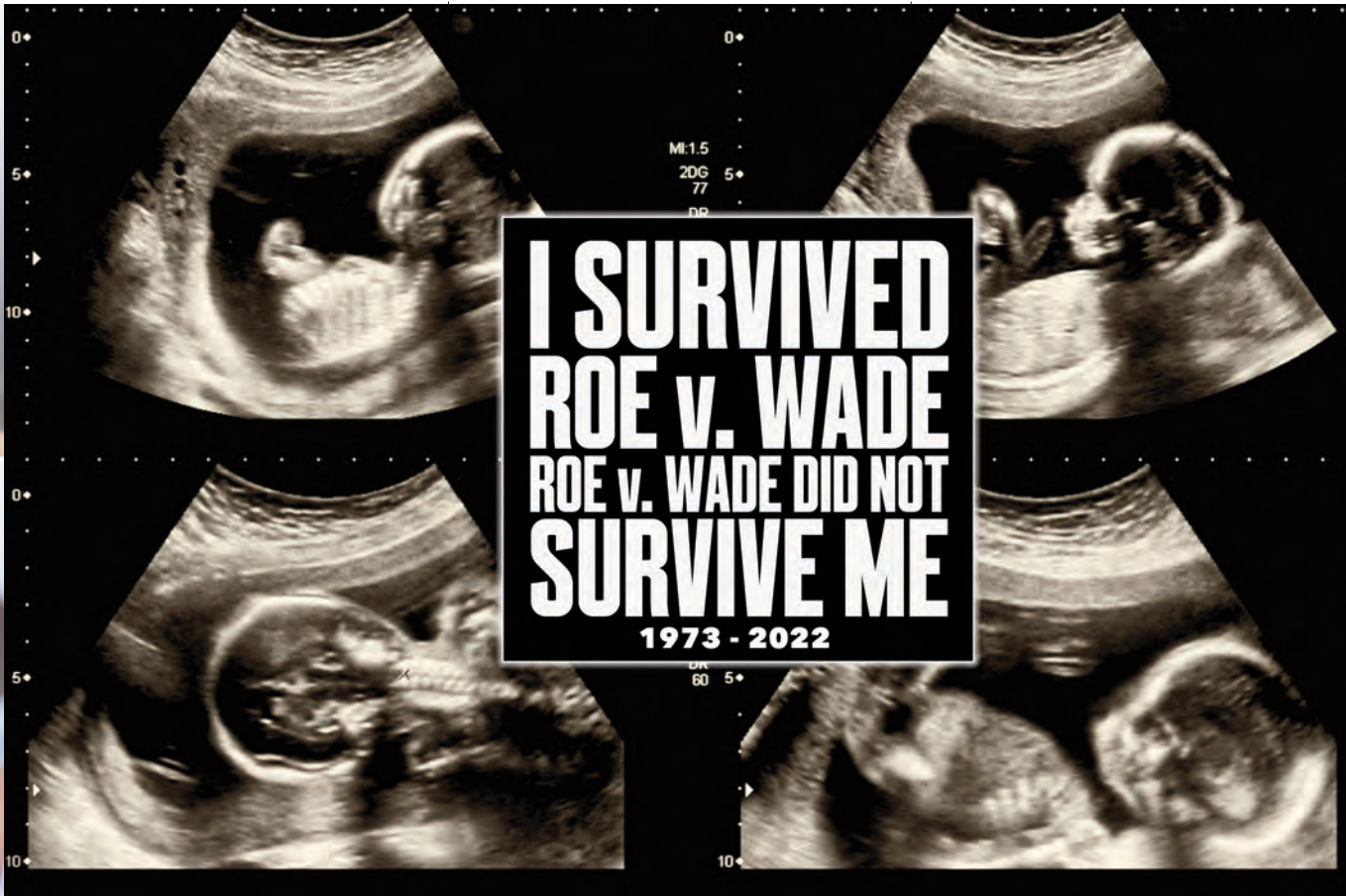
*"Here are the facts. Should the abortion provision of Senate Bill 106 be approved by the voters, Pennsylvanians will continue to have a statutory right to an abortion under Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act.*

*"That Act would remain in place and unchanged. Medicaid will continue to cover both non-elective abortions and voluntary abortions involving cases of rape or incest but will still withhold funding for all other elective instances. IVF, ectopic pregnancies, and D&C procedures would be allowed under the same rules that exist today, and doctors will continue to save women's lives in the event of life-threatening complications during pregnancy."*

Unfortunately, as of our printing deadline, it appears pro-abortion Democrats will soon have control of the PA House, meaning that it will be difficult to pass pro-life legislation this session. Stay tuned for further developments.



# LIFE in a Post-ROE World



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It was a word of encouragement I repeated often — at chapter meetings, conventions, and banquets — trying to offer hope to not only the other people in the room, but to myself as well.

“*Roe v. Wade* will be overturned in our lifetime!” I would say, sometimes receiving skeptical responses in reply.

On June 24, 2022, that long-ago prediction came true. I was privileged to be at the National Right to Life Convention in Atlanta on that historic day when the U.S. Supreme Court tossed *Roe* into the dustbin of history. I ended up doing a Zoom interview with a television station within an hour of that incredible announcement.

I knew that, after *Roe’s* reversal, life would never be the same.

In the months since the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, I have been interviewed by news media at least twenty times—often about the impact of the High Court ruling. News outlets ranging from *Axios* to *Tokyo TV* have sought insight and analysis from your donor-supported Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Each media interview has provided an opportunity to educate members of the Fourth Estate about the promise and potential the *Dobbs* case offers.

## What Dobbs Did

*Dobbs* overturned both the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision known as *Roe v. Wade* and the 1992 ruling known as *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

In determining that there is no federal right to abortion under the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court returned the issue of abortion policy to the individual states, which can, in turn, enact laws protecting preborn babies and their mothers from the harm of abortion.

Freed from the legal shackles imposed by *Roe*, the people, through their duly-elected representatives in state legislatures, can find creative ways to offer a lifeline to pregnant women and their children.

## A Life-Saving Impact

For decades, advocates for life have contended that overturning *Roe* would save lives. Now we have the empirical evidence to prove it.

A *New York Times* report confirmed a quick decline in abortion totals since the

Supreme Court ruling. Within just two months of the *Dobbs* decision, abortions plummeted six percent. In human terms, that meant more than 10,000 babies’ lives saved.

- ▶ 10,000 children who will get to see the sunrise.
- ▶ 10,000 children who will have an opportunity to smile and laugh and play.
- ▶ 10,000 children who could grow up to discover cures for life-limiting conditions...to compose symphonies...to serve our nation and our communities in profoundly important ways.

## A Critical Cultural Shift

The *New York Times* noted that, in the immediate aftermath of *Dobbs*, 13 states banned or notably restricted abortion. In those states (mostly in the South), legal abortions



dropped close to zero, according to a group made up of both abortion providers and academics.

together a safety net for pregnant women facing challenging circumstances. Staff and volunteers at these centers serve as key first responders

months after the birth of their babies.

Officials from Real Alternatives, Catholic Social Services of Philadelphia, and

and STI testing. Health care professionals from Morning Star Pregnancy Services spoke about their high standard of care for women.

You can view the symposium here ([www.RealAlternatives.org/Symposium2022](http://www.RealAlternatives.org/Symposium2022)).

### Pro-Abortion Backlash

Meanwhile, the backlash to the *Dobbs* decision has been swift from the abortion industry and its allies. Abortion centers in Pennsylvania and other states have been working to expand abortion to out-of-state customers. So much for the claim from some abortion advocates to make abortion “rare.”

At the same time, money from abortion backers have been flooding campaigns to establish a so-called “right” to abortion—or defeat measures aimed at ensuring no “rights” to abortion--under state Constitutions. Such pro-abortion campaigns are filled with misrepresentations about the impact of protective pro-life laws on women and families.

### The End of the Beginning

It has been said that the overturn of *Roe* represents the end of the beginning of the pro-life movement. The victory at the U.S Supreme Court has been an important milestone on the road to achieving a restoration of rights for pre-born Americans. Now, we must work doubly hard to ensure that the vision of an abortion-free country is realized.



when a pregnant woman is facing a crisis. With an outpouring of compassion and support, these heroic individuals are assisting women and their families each day in a non-judgmental, affirming atmosphere.

### The Pennsylvania Perspective

Stories of triumph over trauma abounded at a recent gathering in south central Pennsylvania.

The participants came together to discuss the Keystone State's phenomenal Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services program, which is administered by Real Alternatives, Inc.

Two pro-life powerhouse lawmakers, State Senator Judy Ward and State Representative Dawn Keefer, moderated the event.

The first panel dealt with the overall impact of the 27-year-old program, which offers services to pregnant women and to their families up to 12

TryLife Center in Lower Burrell explained how the program not only saves lives, but changes lives.

Real Alternatives President and CEO Kevin Bagatta noted that “over 340,000 women have been served, not counting the babies, at 1.9 million visits.” As Senator Ward said, the program “strengthens women and that’s what I love about it!”

The second panel, made up of program counselors, explored the unique issues facing pregnant women in challenging circumstances and the comprehensive support they receive from social service agencies, pregnancy support centers, and maternity homes.

“To be able to go into a place where somebody is just listening to them and not casting judgment is just enormous” for the women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, said Rep. Keefer.

The third panel discussed service providers who separately offer medical services to women, such as ultrasounds

Nine additional states enacted significant abortion restrictions, with legal abortions in those states declining by a third. All told, in light of the new legal landscape, 22,000 fewer abortions occurred—more than offsetting the increase of 12,000 abortions in states that aggressively marketed abortion to out-of-state women.

It is indeed comforting to know that babies born today will be living in a post-*Roe* world. The greater respect for human life resulting from the *Dobbs* decision could have a ripple effect, helping to rebuild a culture of life in communities across the country.

### Strengthening the Safety Net

Pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies have knitted



# Leadership for Pennsylvania in the *Post-Roe* Era

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**G**reetings, distinguished members of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation! I am excited to start as your Executive Director and General Counsel on January 1, 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my vision for the Federation.

It is an exciting as well as challenging time for our pro-life mission here in Pennsylvania as well as nationwide. I am ready to meet these challenges.

As I stated during my official introduction at our extraordinarily successful Banquet, I have heard the cries of the voiceless my entire life. I was born two years before *Roe* was decided. Its aftermath profoundly affected my life and obviously those of successive generations. Dr. Ben Carson and I share at least one thing in common – dedicated mothers who instilled in us a love for truth and hard work. As the youngest of five in an Italian Catholic family, I was regularly involved in conversations about cultural issues like abortion. These discussions as well as growing up in a family that weathered formidable challenges taught me the value of staying true to your principles in times of adversity.

My early pro-life awareness centrally influenced my educational development. In learning about the great political heritage of our country, I

could never understand why the same Constitution that protected our most vulnerable and downtrodden citizens did not also protect the unborn. My intellectual

quandary led to a deep, heartfelt conviction that abortion is a great evil against which we must compassionately fight. This conviction led me to study at The Catholic University of America (where I annually witnessed the March for Life), the University of Wisconsin (where I listened to a talk given by Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who represented “Jane Roe”) and finally Yale Law School, where I wrote a major research paper on genetic screening and partial birth abortion.

As a practicing “Philadelphia Lawyer” for the past two decades, I have been extensively involved with pro-life education and child advocacy. I served as a volunteer speaker for Pennsylvanians for Human Life (*a Federation associate*) for 15 years. I used my legal background to trace the genesis of *Roe* and its legal, ethical and cultural ramifications in schools throughout the Delaware Valley. I was honored to serve as the President of PHL for the past decade.

I learned the intricacies of nonprofit dynamics, fundraising and building coalitions across kindred organizations. Most importantly, I learned the value of calm yet strong leadership in navigating the stormy seas generated by the pro-life mission while preserving the institutional integrity of that mission.

I am prepared to bring this leadership to the Federation. I inherit the Federation’s formidable legislative influence at a crossroads in

our nation’s history. The *Dobbs* decision was seismic. We all should take just pride in the long, hard work resulting in the Supreme Court’s extinction of a “fundamental” constitutional right to abortion. However, the fact that the ultimate legacy of *Dobbs* is to commit the fate of this “right” to the political discretion of each state brings the battle to our own.

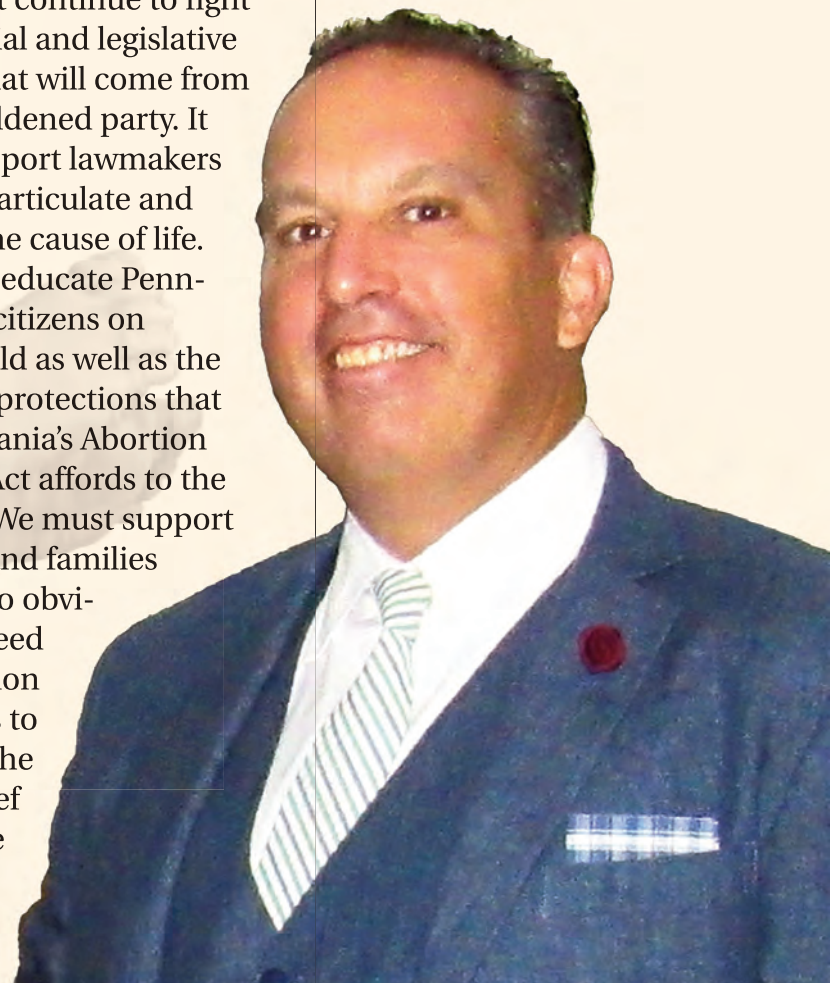
The recent election of Josh Shapiro as governor and the mixed bicameral result in the Pennsylvania Assembly underscores the importance of building on the momentum of *Dobbs*. The Federation must continue to fight the judicial and legislative battles that will come from an emboldened party. It must support lawmakers who will articulate and defend the cause of life. We must educate Pennsylvania citizens on *Dobbs* held as well as the intrinsic protections that Pennsylvania’s Abortion Control Act affords to the unborn. We must support women and families in crisis to obviate the need for abortion as well as to counter the false belief that to be “pro-life” is to be “anti-

woman.” Most critically, we must not lose faith in the justness of the pro-life cause in the face of deliberately ignorant extremist attack.

With these goals in mind, I will need your help. With Michael Ciccocioppo’s well-deserved retirement on December 31, 2022 after more than two decades of dedicated service to this organization, I certainly inherit a great legacy. But with appreciation for the past I also believe that my unique talents will help this organization and this great cause. Thank you in advance for welcoming me. Should anyone want to get in touch before I begin my tenure, please don’t hesitate to email me at:

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**Thank you and God bless you all!**





# Speaking **Life** Across PA



**R**oe's overturn last June was a **victory** that every pro-life advocate welcomed and celebrated. But it also spurred abortion supporters to ramp up their false narratives. Distortions, half-truths, and outright lies proliferated through mainstream and social media, leaving many confused.

The best way to combat misinformation is **education**, of course! For the last few months Federation staff have been traveling **throughout the Commonwealth and beyond** to convey facts about abortion and speak truth about the rising number of pro-life protections enacted across the country.

We were invited to two mid-state parishes, **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** and **Holy Name of Jesus**, to discuss the role of the Church in the post-Roe era. Many were



surprised to learn of former abortionist-turned-pro-life activist Dr. Bernard Nathanson's revelation that the Catholic Church was the target of a propaganda campaign in the early 1970s. In addition to setting the record straight on what the *Dobbs* decision did and did not do, information on helping women through church ministries and pregnancy resource centers was presented.

In September, we were invited to speak to students enrolled in a **Public Policy course at Gettysburg College**. Students submitted ques-

tions to their professor who then curated them and passed them on to us. Legislative

Director **Maria Gallagher** and I delivered talks based on their inquiries and then participated in a follow up Q and A. Students were respectful, thoughtful, and engaged, and it was clear to us that some of the information we presented was new to them.

We were also recently invited to return to **Temple University** to speak to their **Students for Life** Chapter prior to the election. We had

been there last Spring as part of our **Truth U. Tour** to talk about the

then-pending *Dobbs* decision. In October we welcomed the chance to meet new students and answer questions about a post-*Roe* America.

Two other events took us to York. The **reorganization meeting for our York chapter** and the **Kick Off Rally for 40 Days for Life**, both of which were well attended, included both newcomers and seasoned pro-lifers.

Executive Director **Michael Ciccocioppo** had the privilege of speaking to seminarians who are in formation to be ordained priests at **Mount St. Mary's University**. His presentation centered on creating vibrant pro-life parishes post-*Roe*.

Just days before our **Celebrate Life Banquet**, we participated in a school-wide assembly at **Bishop McDevitt**

**High School** in Harrisburg. Again, students submitted questions that were curated and organized into categories. While I addressed questions on abortion statistics, reasons why abortion is sought, and how it hurts women, other panelists, including a pro-life OB/GYN, a male nurse from a pregnancy resource center, and the school chaplain, responded to questions relevant to their expertise. Students had the chance to ask follow-up questions in a live Q and A.

At several of these talks we were able to provide an education display that included fetal models and a plethora of pro-life literature, making sure accurate information is available. We also staffed education displays at several other events, including the **Creation Music Festival** in Shirleysburg and **Stewardship Conference** in Elizabethtown.

We look forward to several more presentations in the coming weeks and months. We welcome every opportunity to challenge the misinformation circulated by the abortion industry and to arm pro-lifers with facts.

If your church, school, chapter, or organization is interested in having a staff member of the Federation present on a pro-life topic, please contact **Bonnie Finnerty** at: [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org).



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# An Incredible Night Celebrating Life

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**H**is is a true rags-to-riches story. An American dream realized.

He's brilliant. Charming. Accomplished. Funny.

But most importantly, he is a fierce and unapologetic defender of all human life, from womb to tomb.

From the moment we announced Dr. Ben Carson as our Keynote Speaker for the 2022 Celebrate Life Banquet, there was a tremendously enthusiastic response. We sold every one of the 1200 seats at the Hershey Lodge, almost dou-

dose of much needed common sense. And he did so with civility, humility, and humor.

Dr. Carson began his talk with a disclaimer, warning that he is not politically correct.

He shared that from the time he was a young child he always wanted to get into medicine, even relishing visits to the doctor's office. But because he was a poor student, medicine didn't seem a likely path. That is, until his mother intervened.

"The only one who really believed in me was my mother...My mother had less than a 3rd grade education, but she was the wisest person I've ever known."

Working as a domestic in wealthy homes, she gleaned that reading and education were the path to success. She turned off the TV and implemented a consistent reading routine into her

# The Doctor Delivers!

Having lived in liberal cities his whole life, from Detroit to Boston to Baltimore, Dr. Carson admitted to having been a liberal himself, even on the issue of abortion. While his Christian upbringing told him that abortion was wrong, he felt he could not tell others what to do.

But his position changed when he dove deeply into studying slavery. He saw parallels to the abortion issue, noting that slave owners thought they owned the slaves and could do whatever they wanted to them. What if he applied his own abor-

tion ethic to the issue of slavery?

Proverbs, he firmly believes we all have a responsibility to help those who cannot help themselves. Dr. Carson implored everyone to "think about the sacredness of life" while explaining that from the moment of conception there is a distinct individual separate from the mother. In just 6-8 weeks, little arms, legs, facial features, and a beating heart are all present, he said.

At this young embryonic stage, this little human is highly complex, more sophisticated than a snail darter, an endangered freshwater fish. Dr. Carson noted that environmentalists make more efforts to save the snail darter than they do to save human babies that are made in the image of God.

"Have you ever seen an abortion?" he asked. He went on to explain matter-of-factly the reality of abortion. He said that in first trimester abortions ultrasound imaging shows babies moving away from the invasive tube that is placed in the womb to claim their lives.

He then graphically described second trimester abortions in which forceps are used to twist, turn, and



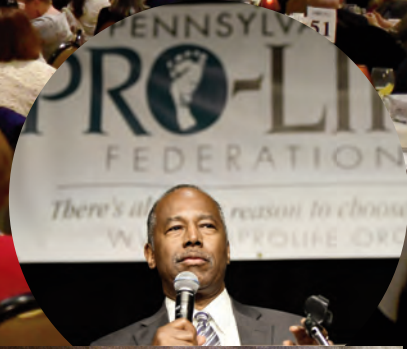
bling attendance of previous banquets.

People traveled from all corners of the state to attend our first post-Roe banquet and to hear the pediatric brain surgeon, former presidential candidate, and retired Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, deliver what has become his signature prescription: a

sons' lives. This had an incredible effect on young Ben, changing the trajectory of his life.

In a short time he went from the bottom of his class to the top, realizing that "the person that has the most to do with what happens in your life is you."





fluid in the baby's head, allowing both babies to remain in utero several more weeks until their lungs matured. When the twins were finally delivered, both were healthy and ultimately thrived.

In another instance, Dr. Carson met a woman determined to get an abortion at 33 weeks because her child had been diagnosed with a neurological condition. He convinced her to not get the abortion and to allow him to operate on the baby in utero. The procedure was successful, and today she loves that child so much and is so glad she didn't get that abortion.

"No one will ever convince me that what's in a woman's womb is a meaningless bunch of cells."

While recognizing that the Dobbs decision was a critical victory, Dr. Carson noted, "The reversal of Roe v. Wade is not the end but the beginning of what needs to be done."

He encouraged pro-lifers to work harder than ever before. He said women need



to know of alternatives to abortion and that adoption must be made easier and less expensive because many people are ready and willing to raise those babies.

Dr. Carson said we have a responsibility to provide care for anyone that is helpless and vulnerable, including the mentally ill, the homeless, and those addicted to drugs.

*"We are talking about human beings made in the image of God... We don't have to accept every activity, every behavior, but we do have to accept all people and love them."*

pull out limbs and other body parts, calling it "barbaric."

"I personally do not understand how people in the medical profession can actually do that. I can't understand it. Are we any better than ancient civilizations?"

During his long and successful medical career, Dr. Carson not only operated on children outside the womb, but also those patients still in the womb.

He recounted the story of a woman who was pregnant with twins. One twin suffered from severe hydrocephalus, a condition where excess fluid builds up in the brain. This condition was a threat to both babies as it could have triggered premature labor well

before the twins were viable.

Aware that intrauterine surgery was being done experimentally on animals, Dr. Carson thought the same principles could be applied to surgery on pre-born humans. He then pioneered the operation that reduced

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# Highlights & Happenings



## We Have a New Look!

Have you seen our new, inviting, and easy-to-navigate website that was launched in late October?

Since last spring we have been working with an IT professor at Penn State to update our eight-year old website. We've migrated much of the information that was on the old website, but have organized it so that visitors can find information easily. We're also continuing to add new content reflecting the post-Roe era. Legislative alerts, petitions, voter guides, church bulletin inserts, student contests, blogs, podcasts, PA LifeLinks and more can all be found on the new website. Check it out at [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org).



## PA March for Life

Staff from the Federation attended the **2nd Annual Pennsylvania March for Life** in September, distributing hundreds of pro-life signs to attendees. Former *Celebrate Life* Keynote Speaker, author and producer **Ann McElhinney** gave a rousing speech on the travesty and tragedy of Kermit Gosnell. Executive Director **Michael Ciccocioppo** was interviewed by Fr. **Frank Pavone** of Priests for Life.

Over 5000 people from all over the Commonwealth marched. In contrast, less than 100 showed up for the pro-abortion rally the next day. That means pro-lifers outnumbered pro-abortion advocates by 500 to 1!

## Wanted: Youth Voices for Life!

Each spring we offer students two ways to become life advocates: through our essay contest and our speech contest. Students from all over the state in public, private, parochial, or homeschool classrooms are eligible. These contests are not only a rich opportunity to learn, but an exercise that will prepare young people to intelligently discuss important societal issues and defend innocent life.

Our essay contest is open to students in grades 7-12. Judging is divided into two divisions, junior 7th-9th grades and senior 10th-12th grades. Students can choose to write on any pro-life topic having to do with abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, doctor-prescribed suicide, or stem-cell research. The top three winners in each division receive recognition and a cash prize. In addition, first-place essays in each division are published in the Summer edition of LifeLines.

The Speech Contest is open to 9th-10th grade students (novice division) and 11th-12th (senior division). Students write an original speech on a pro-life topic and record themselves delivering

that speech. Students can submit their speeches through a digital platform or by flash-drive. Winners in both novice and senior categories are awarded recognition and a cash prize, with the first place winner in the senior division winning an all-expense paid trip to compete in the Oratory Contest at the National Right to Life Convention, which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA this year.

More information can be found at [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org), under Outreach or by contacting [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org).



### Write for LIFE! Essay Contest 2023

*Be a voice for the voiceless!*

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

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

**Word Limit**  
Grades 7-9: 500 words    Grades 10-12: 750 words  
Prizes awarded in both age groups.

Essays must include a completed cover page available at [www.paprolife.org/for-students](http://www.paprolife.org/for-students).

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

**Submit entries by March 1, 2023**

### 2023 PENNSYLVANIA PRO-LIFE HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

Write and record a 5-7 min. pro-life speech on *abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research.*

**PRIZES**

SR DIVISION (GR 11-12)	JR DIVISION (GR 9-10)
<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>
All-expense paid trip to 2023 National Right to Life Convention	<b>\$300</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

For complete rules, visit  
[PaProLife.org/for-students](http://PaProLife.org/for-students)  
Email speech link to  
[lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org)  
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# CHAPTER EVENTS

## SCRANTON PRAYER BREAKFAST



▲ **The Scranton Chapter Pennsylvanians for Human Life** hosted a prayer breakfast on November 5 that drew a crowd of more than 300 people. Keynote speaker Fr. Gerald Murray, JCD of the Archdiocese of New York, is a frequent commentator on EWTN, FOX, and MSNBC and other media outlets. Education Director Bonnie Finnerty offered an education update, joining a panel of several other speakers that included *Kellyanne Conway*, *Steve Bannon*, and former PA Attorney General *Ernie Preate*, who argued *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*.

◀ **ADAMS COUNTY LIFE CHAIN**  
**Pennsylvanians for Human Life Adams County Chapter** sponsored the Gettysburg *Life Chain* on **October 2** at the square in Gettysburg, providing signs to those who attended.



**CAMBRIA-SOMERSET PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**Cambria-Somerset Citizens Concerned for Human Life** held their annual Pro-Life *Prayer Breakfast* on **Saturday, October 29, 2022** in New Germany. The featured speaker was **Nikki Bruni**, *Coordinator of 40 Days for Life in Pittsburgh*.

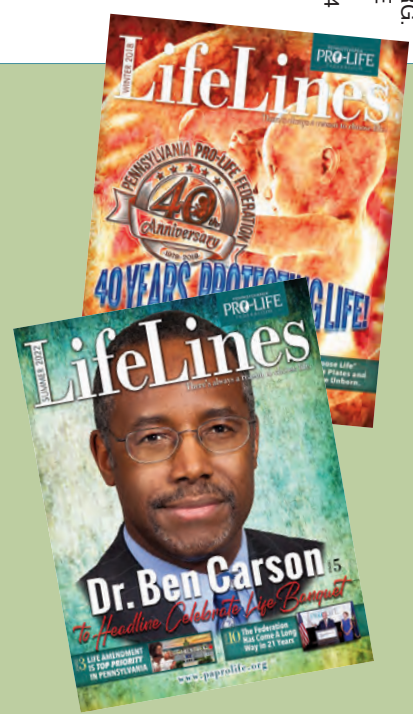


**ERIE LIFE RUN 5K/10K & FUN WALK**  
 The Erie Chapter of **People for Life** sponsored a *Life Run 5K/10K & Fun Walk* on **October 8** for runners of all levels as well as walkers.



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- Birthright: 1-800-550-4900

For the help center nearest you, you may also see your local Yellow Pages under "Abortion Alternatives" or call the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at **717-541-0034**.