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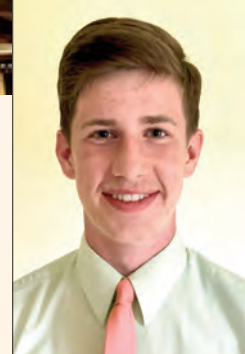
During the month of April, the Health Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives held a series of hearings on abortion. One reason Committee Chair Rep. Kathy Rapp called for the hearings was her concern that every year girls as young as 12 get abortions in our state. The topic of mandated reporting surfaced several times.

The final hearing dealt with the issue of using fetal tissue for research and experimentation, particularly at the University of Pittsburgh. Several pro-abortion advocates offered testimony, but often were unable to answer basic questions. Portions of the hearings can be viewed at:

<http://www.reprapp.com/video/latestvideo>.

Speaking Up For Life!

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is pleased to announce the winners of our annual Oratory Contest. What an impressive group of young people! Their speeches were inspirational, informative, and passionate.



Thomas Caulfield

Capturing 1st place in the senior high division is **Thomas Caulfield**, a junior from Waterford.

Second place went to **Emma Will**, a senior from Centre Hall. **Isabella Giovanelli**, a junior from Bedford, took 3rd place.

In the novice category, **Clare Caulfield**, a sophomore from Waterford, placed 1st. **Susan Steltzer**, a sophomore from Boswell took 2nd place, while **Emily**

Olson, a freshman from Nazareth, placed 3rd.

Thomas Caulfield will go on to compete at the National Right to Life Convention in Herndon,

VA at the end of June. We wish him the best of luck!

Congratulations to all our winners!



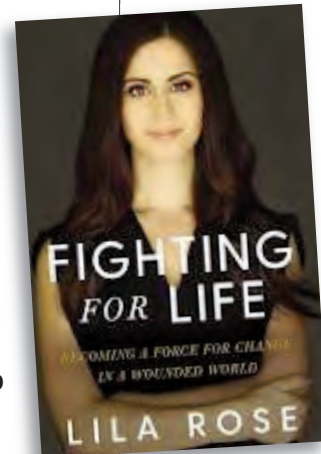
PROTEST AT PITT

On May 7, the PA Pro-Life Federation joined Rehumanize International and several other pro-life organizations to protest the horrific research being done at the University of Pittsburgh on the bodies of aborted babies using taxpayer money.

Pro-life leaders denounced these atrocities and are demanding transparency and accountability from Pitt. We are encouraging everyone to learn more about this issue and to let your voice be heard.

Lit(erature) for Life!

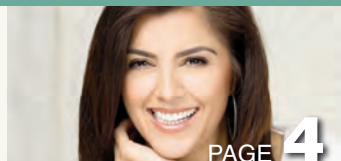
Need some pro-life inspiration? Join us in reading our Summer book recommendation *Fighting for Life: Becoming a Force for Change in a Wounded World* by Lila Rose, founder of Live Action. In addition to tracing her own personal journey of pro-life activism that began at just 15, Lila helps the reader to become a confident, courageous, and resilient advocate for a more just world in which all life is valued. This is a great selection for book clubs or church ministries to read together!



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1st 100 DAYS of Biden Administration Bring Unprecedented Pro-Abortion Push

By Maria V. Gallagher
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The first 100 days of any Presidential Administration signal the direction the Executive Branch will be taking over the course of four years. It is a key milestone, an indication of what the Administration views as critical policy issues for the term ahead. News media outlets determine to what extent the new President has fulfilled campaign promises during the first months in office.

For the Biden Administration, the beginning of the term has included an unprecedented pro-abortion push — outpacing even the extreme anti-life blueprint of the Obama Administration.

Pro-Abortion Tone Set Early

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris set the tone early on by “celebrating” the grim anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, a Supreme Court decision which has led to the deaths of more than 62 million pre-born children and caused countless women to suffer the inexplicable grief of losing a child to abortion.

As *LifeNews.com* reported, within days of the *Roe* anniversary, Biden put forward an executive order permitting U.S. tax dollars to be sent to pro-abortion organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

An Avalanche of Tax Dollars for Abortion

In addition, Biden signed into law a COVID-19 relief package which failed to



include any limits on taxpayer funding of abortion. He has also worked to funnel tax dollars to abortion organizations through a rule change to Title X “family planning” funding. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced in March it would repeal the “Protect Life” rule by year’s end.

Such decisions leave an avalanche of tax money amounting to billions of dollars available for taxpayer-funded abortions.

Extremist Moves: But Not Surprising

In a particularly extreme move, Biden’s National Institutes of Health has gone so far as to give the go-ahead for tax funding for research that uses the body parts of aborted babies. These stomach-turning experiments are of dubious scientific value and represent an especially vile desecration of the human body.

In what may be the most frightening policy directive thus far, the Biden Administration will no longer be enforcing previous FDA safe-

ty protocols on dissemination of the dangerous abortion drug mifepristone. This means that Planned Parenthood and other abortion groups can engage in mail-order abortions—leaving a woman to take the abortion pill on her own, without a doctor present. (*Learn more about chemical abortions and Abortion Pill Reversal on p. 10.*)

Yet, Biden’s aggressive pro-abortion policies are not surprising to long-time pro-life advocates. It was clear when he was running for the nation’s highest office that he supported *Roe v. Wade*, opposed common sense abortion limits, and backed funding for the abortion industry.

During the 2020 Presidential campaign, Biden said “It’s (abortion is) a decision between them (women) and their doctor, in my view.” Furthermore, in the midst of a Presidential debate, the Democratic candidate said, “Reproductive rights are a constitutional right. And, in fact, every woman should have that right.”

Biden’s campaign website stated, “As president, Biden will work to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop (pro-life state laws).”

As National Right to Life President Carol Tobias told *NPR* following Biden’s election, “I think it (the Biden Administration) will be a dark day in history for unborn children.”

Seismic Shift Toward Expanding Abortion

Some media outlets have heralded Biden as a “transformative” President. As Dave Andrusko wrote in *National Right to Life News Today*, “The only thing Biden/Harris have transformed since January 20 is the attitude coming from the White House toward the most defenseless of all Americans.”

In short, the first 100 days have represented a seismic shift toward extremist initiatives designed to not only support, but to expand, abortion. It is as if the Administration is governing by the Planned Parenthood playbook. In this hostile environment, it is more important than ever for us to raise our voices in opposition to the Washington Abortion Agenda. *In the midst of this darkness, the pro-life movement provides the light of truth and hope. Despite the challenges we face, we know that LIFE will win in the end.*

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Pro-Life Media Mom of 9 **Rachel Campos-Duffy** Headlines Pro-Life Event of the Year



conception to natural death.

This year we have a well-known terrific pro-life woman, mother of nine children, author, communications consultant, and television personality specializing in political analysis, culture and parenting. **Rachel Campos-Duffy is seen regularly on FoxNews, Fox & Friends and Out-numbered.** She is also the host of her own show, **Moms**, on FoxNation, the network's digital platform.

In 2019, she gave birth to her ninth child. Our keynote speaker shared that her daughter was born with two holes in her heart and valves that need to be fixed via open-heart surgery, and that she was born with an extra chromosome, meaning she has Down syndrome. **She commented on social media, "That extra chromosome certainly made her EXTRA cute." She added, "Life is wonderful!"**

I am not going to go any deeper into the pro-life witness of **Rachel Campos-Duffy.** I invite you. I urge you. Come out and hear her story for yourself! **She will rock the Radisson to its foundations with her courage and determination to be a voice for the voiceless!**

Pennsylvania Pro-Life Awards

There are more reasons to attend the banquet.

Susan Rogacs, president of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, will present the **2021 Pennsylvania**



Pro-Life Leadership Award to Philadelphia Detective (Retired) **James Wood.**

He served as the lead investi-

gator in the case against the infamous Kermit Gosnell, the West Philadelphia abortionist convicted of murdering three infants during attempted abortions, involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of one woman during a botched abortion procedure, and numerous counts of performing illegal late-term abortions. Thanks to Detective Wood's tenacious drive to secure justice for the alleged hundreds of newborn infants mercilessly murdered in what the 2011 grand jury referred to as a "house of horrors," Gosnell serves multiple life prison terms at the State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon in Huntingdon County. The case served as a wake-up call to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which enacted into law sweeping regulations of abortion facilities to ensure that Gosnell-like atrocities never happen again in our state.

This case inspired the production of a major motion picture, **Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer.** If you have seen the film, you know that the actor Dean Cain, best known as TV's "Superman" during the 1990s, did a masterful job portraying Detective Wood in the film.

Please join us at the Celebrate Life Banquet in honoring the real Pennsylvania "superman" whose selfless dedication demonstrated to the public the brutality that is possible in the abortion industry.

Rogacs will also present the **2021 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Fr. Denis G. Wilde, O.S.A., PhD.**



Father Wilde is a member of the Augustinian Province of St.

Thomas of Villanova. He served as associate professor of music at Villanova University from 1977 to 1998, before answering the Lord's call to join Priests for Life as an associate director. He has been actively involved in pro-life concerns since before *Roe v. Wade*. In the 80s he personally witnessed to pro-life activists and developed

ecumenical ties from the expression of common faith in God as the Author of Life. Beyond preaching and teaching on campus he has traveled to over 750 venues in 47 states, Canada, Mexico and Europe, delivering the Gospel of Life and supporting the local pro-life efforts of clergy and laity.

Thousands of pro-lifers across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have heard and met Father Wilde in their own communities. **Here is your opportunity to come and celebrate life with him as he humbly accepts this well-deserved recognition.**

Be a Sponsor or Reserve Your Seats Now

The best way to participate is to be a sponsor and to bring your family and friends to the 2021 Celebrate Life Banquet. If you cannot be a sponsor you should certainly reserve a seat or two for yourself and your guest! Visit www.paprolife.org/state-events online for a variety of ways to sign up. Or feel free to call us at **717-541-0034** to register by phone with your credit card, or to request that a registration form be mailed to you. But don't put it off. Please act NOW!

2021 CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

WHAT: 2021 Celebrate Life Banquet
WHEN: Wed., Sept. 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
 1150 Camp Hill Bypass,
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
DONATION: \$60 per person

SPONSORSHIPS: \$500 to \$10,000*
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IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE EVENT WITH A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION.

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It's time to Celebrate Life like never before!

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a terrible toll on our state, the nation and the world. **Our hearts go out to everyone who has been personally affected by the coronavirus, or tragically lost loved ones to this deadly disease.**

This time of isolation and social distancing has forced us to live in what may seem like an alternate reality. Although technologies have helped us stay in touch, a screen and a keyboard pale in comparison to **being with others in person.**

Now that the governor has given the green light to in-person gatherings, I cannot recommend a better celebration than the **2021 Celebrate Life Banquet** to benefit the life-saving work of the **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund** on **Wednesday, September 22** at the **Radisson Harrisburg Hotel** in Camp Hill.

Here is your chance to **get out of the house and join pro-lifers from across the Keystone State.** This annual pro-life event of the year is where you can always come to be inspired, to learn and enjoy the company of like-minded defenders of the right to life from

A FILM LIKE NO OTHER: The Making of the **Roe v. Wade** Movie

By Maria V. Gallagher
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It seemed like an impossible feat: To tell the true story behind the infamous 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade*. But writer/director **Nick Loeb** was up for the task.

A Hollywood veteran of more than two decades, Loeb put his skills to work on a movie that really mattered, a film that would spotlight the behind-the-scenes intrigue which led to the legalization of abortion in all 50 states.

A Compelling Subject

In a recent interview for our *LifeLines Radio* podcast, Loeb, who also played abortionist Bernard Nathanson in the movie, explained what initially drew him to the subject of *Roe*.

“Roe v. Wade is the core case that everyone in America has heard of,” but that the majority of Americans don’t know much about, Loeb said.

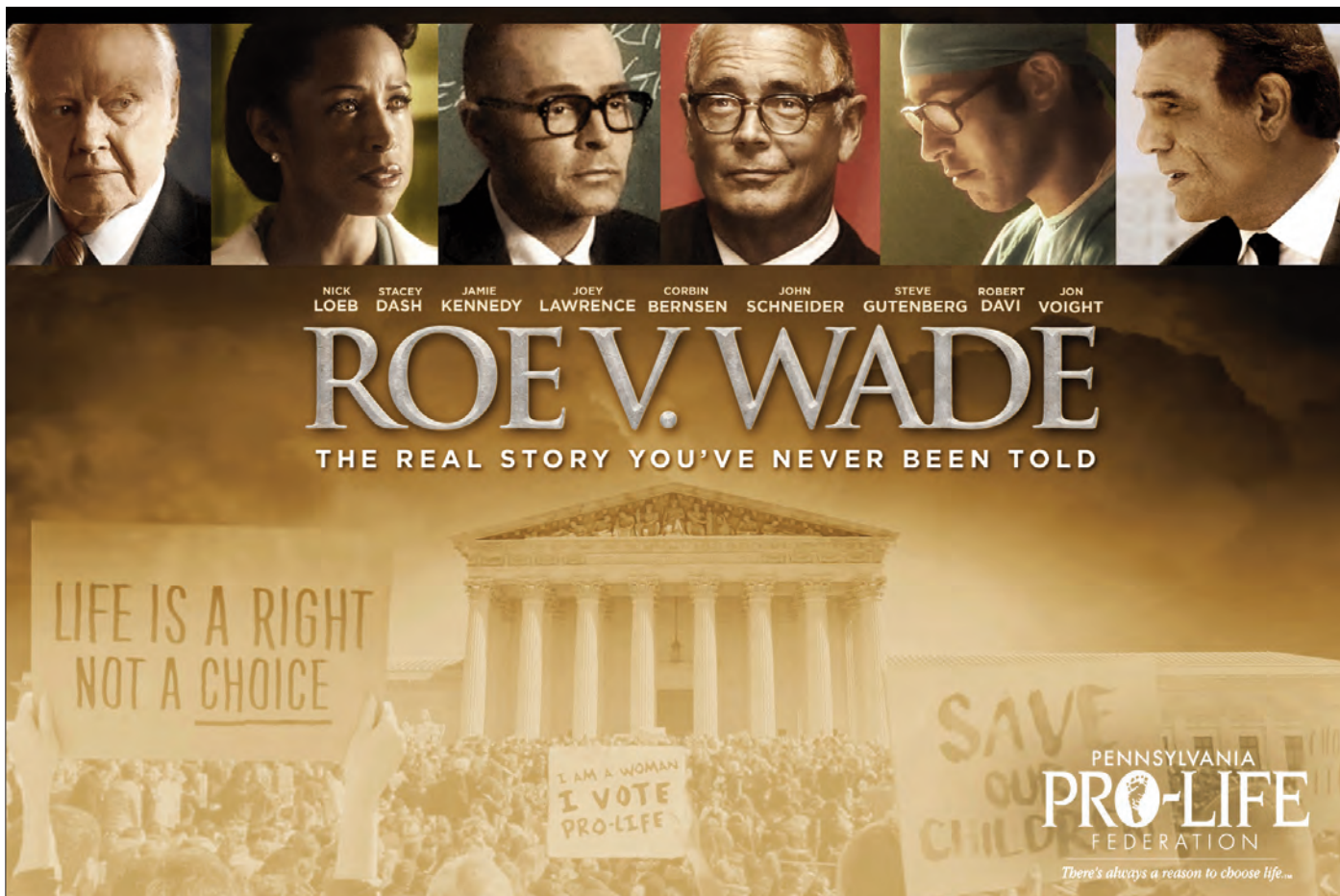
“And I couldn’t believe that no one had actually made a movie.”

Asked what surprised him most when doing research for

Nick Loeb the film, Loeb said, “Absolutely everything.”

“To me, it was like unraveling a JFK conspiracy,” he said, a reference to the multitude of theories about the events that led up to President John F. Kennedy’s assassination.

Loeb said that, when you do the research into the reality of *Roe*, you find “that people literally made stuff up or just



left stuff out” when talking about this critical case. He noted that social media was not available in the 1970s when the Supreme Court handed down its decision, meaning that there was not a chorus of different voices on the media landscape offering analysis of the ruling. At that time, the Big Three networks, ABC, CBS, and NBC ruled the airwaves, and their anchors’ word was considered Gospel.

A Ruling Based on Lies

The story of *Roe* is told through the eyes of Nathanson, a co-founder of the pro-abortion group NARAL and a man who claimed responsibility for tens of thousands of abortions during his career.

“Bernard Nathanson was the biggest abortionist in American history,” Loeb said. He noted that, during half of Nathanson’s life, he was pro-abortion, but in the latter half he was pro-life. Nathanson was extremely eloquent and wrote

books in which he admitted to having lied in order to further the pro-abortion agenda.

Nathanson confessed that he told the media that 5,000 to 10,000 deaths related to illegal abortions occurred every year, knowing that the figures were totally false. He was more than willing to spread misinformation in order to legalize abortion throughout the U.S.

A Hidden Heroine

Another key character in the drama is Dr. Mildred Jefferson, the first African-American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School and one of the pioneers of the pro-life movement.

Jefferson, portrayed in the movie by actress Stacey Dash, “really broke barriers and glass ceilings at the upper echelons of academia,” Loeb said.

Yet, few people have ever heard of Jefferson and her role in U.S. history. “It shows the hypocrisy of our society today” in terms of whom we revere,

Loeb said.

A Talented Team

Among the actors appearing in the film is Oscar winner Jon Voight, who portrays Chief Justice Warren Burger. Loeb said that when he read the script, “He loved it” and said it was something that “needs to get out there.” Other cast members include Corbin Bernsen, Robert Davi, Joey Lawrence, John Schneider, and Steven Guttenberg. Loeb said that at least one actor’s opinion on abortion changed to pro-life following involvement in the movie.

In the end, Loeb said that one of the most important takeaways from the film is that “life begins at conception,” a fact which is as true today as when *Roe* was wrongly decided.

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Echoes of Life: The Voice of John



HOSPICE CARE: Maryann's dad became The Voice of John as his last gift was to show that the end of life is sacred and holy.

The young nurse was ecstatic about her first day in obstetrics. Previously assigned to the oncology floor, she had watched patients draw their last breath. Now she would witness precious first breaths taken at the dawn of life.

With clipboard in hand and a resolve to provide the best care possible, she checked on her patients, prepped labor and delivery rooms, and replenished supplies and medications.

The last stop on her round was to make sure the utility room was cleaned up from the previous shift.



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As the door cracked open, she heard a small noise. Fearing a mouse, she quickly switched on the light.

That is when she saw him.

A baby, left lying on the dirty counter, making soft whimpering sounds.

A Natural Vocation

From the beginning, Maryann Lawhon was immersed in a culture of life.

Growing up in a large Irish Catholic family in Scranton, she enjoyed the added benefit of having extended family close by. Hers was a big, close, loving clan that embraced life. Even in difficult times, news that a baby was on the way was always met with absolute joy.

Maryann was one of three children her parents welcomed within 33 months. During her mother's subsequent four pregnancies, she remembers laying close to her and feeling younger siblings kick in the womb. The

gift of family, the sanctity of life, and the call to love were all taught and nurtured.

So it was only natural that Maryann would pursue a life-saving career. When she graduated from the Scranton State General Hospital School of Nursing, she began working in a teaching hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia in 1977.

Transferring to obstetrics after her first year, she never thought to ask if they performed abortions.

A Plea for Help

Upon seeing the baby in the utility closet, Maryann rushed to the nurses' station. A doctor responded, "Don't touch it! It's an abortion."

In medicine the term abortion can also be used to indicate miscarriage, so Maryann thought he meant a spontaneous abortion. Yet, she was sure she heard sounds of life. She went back in and saw the baby curling in the fetal position to stay warm. She estimates that he was about 26 weeks.

"That baby is alive," she



tried to tell them. The doctor's anger flashed. "I said don't touch it. It is an abortion."

With no one to help, Maryann returned to the utility room. She picked up the baby and wrapped him in the cleanest blanket she could find. She held him close and gazed upon him.

Instinctively she took the water used in the killing procedure and poured it over his head, baptizing him with the name **John**. "At that moment it was a room with a nurse, a baby, and the Spirit of God."

Holding him close, she whispered, "John, your mommy would not have done this to you if she could see you as I do now."

She cleaned him off and kissed his forehead. "Mine were the only lips that would



4 GENERATIONS OF HANDS: Reach Out, Touch with Grace & Gentle Kindness. My Father's Hands, My Hand, My Daughter's Hand, My Grand



Maryann Lawhon interviews PA Pro-Life Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo and Education Director Bonnie Finnerty on a recent *The Voice of John* Radio Program.

The Voice of John

Website: <https://www.thevoiceofjohn2.org/>

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kiss him, mine were the only hands that would stroke him."

A Promise Made

John was beautiful. He had not been burned. He had not ingested saline. His mother had a prostaglandin abortion, a procedure where labor is induced as an IV of prostaglandin is started.

John was completely formed and Maryann believes viable. *"The fact that he lived with nothing but that blanket and the love I gave him, the fact that he lived without oxygen or nutrients, speaks to me that John was viable."*



From Womb to Tomb, Life is Sacred. A Daughter's Hands

Maryann didn't want to leave him, but a senior nurse scolded her for ignoring her patients. *"I'll come back to you, John,"* she promised. When she did, she knew he was close to death.

As she held him near her heart, Maryann said the words that Christ spoke from the cross in his final hours, *"John, forgive us. Forgive your mommy. Forgive them they know not what they do. John, she didn't know it was you."*

Every fiber in Maryann's body wanted to protect and nurture this child that was dying in her arms. In the last

moments of his life, she made a solemn vow. *"John, I will be your voice. I promise, I will be your voice."*

Why?

Maryann couldn't believe that a child early in the last trimester could be aborted. And she realized that prostaglandin abortions raised the issue of infanticide.

She was traumatized. She would wake up at night and feel John holding her finger. She could hear his soft cries. Her whole life changed. She prayed but still struggled. *"God, why would you do this to me? Why did you let me hold him and love him?"*

One day her inflection changed. *"Why DID you let me hold him and love him?"* That is when, Maryann says, she met her destiny.

"I asked God why with an open heart instead of an angry heart and I realized I am the conduit. The Holy Spirit speaks through this baby today through me. He is the child of my soul!"

A Promise Kept

Maryann reached out to a church group and told John's story. The pastor urged her to

share it with the world. He bought fetal models and provided funds to renew the Hazleton chapter Pennsylvanians for Human Life, an affiliate of the PA Pro-Life



JOHN & AMANDA FRANK: John is the Voice for those with Down Syndrome, his sister Amanda is website manager.

Federation. Maryann spoke about John whenever and wherever she could.

A local high school teacher who taught videography was deeply moved. He and his students worked with Maryann to create a documentary. A student suggested the title *The Voice of John*.

A few years later, Maryann was asked to fill in on a JMJ Catholic radio program and tell John's story. The station received such overwhelming response, they offered her a weekly radio show. *The Voice of John* has been broadcasting for over three years now and has touched countless lives all over the country.

More Voices

Maryann's ministry was inspired by a baby who survived an abortion. But it has grown to encompass other life issues, truly embracing a "womb-to-tomb" ethic.

When her father was declining, Maryann moved him into her home to care for him. She and her father, also named John, recorded a statement for *The Voice of John*. Maryann says, *"Little John speaks for people at the beginning of their lives; my father, John, speaks for people at the end of life."* Shortly after, her father died.

And then another John, an altar server from Church, came into her life. He approached her after a talk

on Down syndrome, thanking her for standing up for his life. Maryann told him, *"You glow when you are up on that altar. You are so radiant of God."* That John has become a spokesperson for Down syndrome and has even made a TV show with Maryann.

Echoes

Although John lived only a few hours, Maryann says she learned much from him. *"I have been so blessed with how God uses this little boy's life."*

Once a woman in Texas called her. She survived a saline abortion but both her body and soul were badly scarred. She felt so much hatred toward her mother. But she said John spoke to her, and she finally could start to taste forgiveness toward her mother.

Healing is part of John's ministry, says Maryann. She believes she is simply the conduit for his message to this broken world.



one small voice will speak for millions

Even after drawing his last breath over 40 years ago, John's message hasn't diminished. "His voice becomes more powerful. I never quite know who it will touch."



Don't These Babies Count as Real Humans?



Susan Steltzer
1st Place Essay Winner



David Stokarski
2nd Place Winner
Homeschooled,
Garnet Valley



Clare Caulfield
3rd Place Winner
Homeschooled,
Waterford

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In today's culture, there is an increasing effort to normalize abortion by downplaying its severity and immorality. According to *dictionary.com*, abortion is "the removal of an embryo or fetus from the uterus in order to end a pregnancy."¹ This definition avoids words like baby and human, or death and killing, because it is trying to hide the true nature of abortion. Abortion advocates defend their position by saying things like, "*It's just a regular medical procedure,*" or "*These babies don't count as real humans.*" Our society claims that abortion is not the purposeful killing and disposal of a child. However, the death of a precious baby, full of life's potential, should not simply be cast aside as meaningless.

According to the CDC on Planned Parenthood's website, **35 percent of abortions are performed after eight weeks of pregnancy.**² This percentage means that approximately 216,856 babies a year are aborted after eight weeks.³ By eight weeks, a baby has a steady heartbeat and most main organs are forming. By eight weeks, a baby has fingers and toes.

By eight weeks, on the ultrasound, you can see that the baby is a baby.⁴ Yet, many still have no problem with abortion.

The leading cause of death in the United States is heart disease according to the CDC's official website. Heart disease accounts for about 659,041 deaths per year. After heart disease is cancer, with 599,601 deaths in one year. After cancer the next biggest cause is unintentional accidents, then chronic respiratory disease, strokes, and the list goes on.⁵ Nowhere on that list is abortion mentioned. Yet, in 2018, 619,591 abortions were performed.⁶ Therefore abortion is the true second leading cause of death in whole of the United States. The CDC would have us believe that babies in the womb do not count as lives lost.

*Recently, there has been a lot of death and hardship due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The number of people who have died is 111,484 less people than were killed by abortion in one year.*⁷

Our nation has been in a panic because of Covid 19. Why then, is abortion not eliciting the same response? There should be an even greater outrage because of the disposal of innocent children. Abortion is not portrayed in our culture as wrong or immoral. It is not even considered as death.

Thirteen years ago, I had a baby sister who died. She had a medical condition called *Potter's Syndrome* which meant she had dysfunctional kidneys. As a result, she didn't produce any amniotic fluid and her lungs were not able to develop properly. She lived for three and a half hours.

At the twenty week ultrasound the doctors told my parents she would not be able to survive outside the womb. Doctors said that my parents could either carry the baby to term or get an abortion.

My family got to meet our precious little **Hannah Gloria**. We got to touch her tiny perfect fingers and little feet. Though I do not remember her, I still have her tiny nightgown and a photo album



At twenty weeks, my sister could swallow and hear, she had fingernails and toenails, as well as eyebrows and eyelashes.⁸ If my mom had decided to, she could have aborted my sister, even though the pregnancy was no danger to my Mom's life. Some people would have supported killing my sister because she wouldn't live anyway. My mom chose to let her baby live. If she could go back, my mom told me she would make the same decision every time. She would go through the discomfort of pregnancy for the joy of bringing a new life into this world, if only for a little while.

with pictures of her. I look forward to the day when I will get to meet her again in Heaven.

I believe that every baby is important and valuable — before they are born, after they are born, and even from the moment of conception. Our culture must no longer be blinded by the lies around us, by those who tell us that fetuses are not babies, or do not have the right to live or say that it is not wrong to kill them. God says in the Bible, in Jeremiah 1:5, "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart.*"⁹ We must not miss out on the joy of all the lives that God has made.

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BORN *for* GREATNESS!

By Helena Sicree
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Each one of us is unique. Whether in clothing style, skin color, or personality, we are all undeniably different. And precisely because of this, not one of us can be replaced. Yet there are people who, because of our differences, consider some of us replaceable and worthless. This is what is happening to the unborn and, especially, the disabled unborn.

"You can always try for a normal child," was the advice Bertha heard given to her friend, Jackie. Even pro-choice Bertha was indignant at this. Not two weeks earlier, Jackie had gone to a baby shower for her unborn daughter, Madison. Now she was in tears. She'd taken a quad screen test only to discover that Madison was at high risk for Down syndrome. Upon hearing this, nearly everyone at the baby shower began pushing her to have an abortion, saying flippantly, "You're going to abort it, right? Jackie, it's not worth having it."

Not so long ago, Madison had been readily welcomed, but now she was degraded to an 'it', with all of her personhood and identity removed, simply because she was at risk of being born in less than perfect conditions. Jackie did choose life for Madison, after further testing proved that Madison was fine, but the tragedy of this story is that so many people considered the unborn girl replaceable and worthless. Likewise, so much of the world has grown to consider disabled people as a "burden upon the public," and yet they fail to see how much these people mean to everyone, especially those around them.

For instance, where would the Richardson family be without Carin, one of their daughters who has Down syndrome? One July day, their three-year-old daughter, Jac'Lynn, snuck into the family's pool, following twelve-year-



old Carin. She couldn't swim, and when she tried getting into her swim tube and fell straight through it, Jac'Lynn started drowning. Their mother describes how Carin, "without panic or fear...grabbed her goggles, got in the water, and pulled her sister out of the pool and into the house." Carin saved her sister's life and, her mother says, "... words cannot express my gratitude to her..."

If Carin's parents had considered Carin, like so many others, as replaceable and worthless, then who would have saved Jac'Lynn that fateful summer day? "Jac'Lynn is doing very well," Carin's mother continued, "She

has already been back out to the pool.... I hope people realize that even those with disabilities are capable of doing great things – including saving a life. Carin tells us that she would do it again if ever needed."

So just because someone is different, or more unique than us, it is not an excuse to end their

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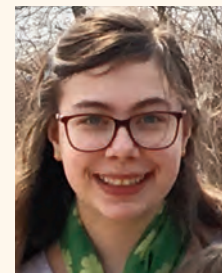
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lives. The disabled unborn are people too. They can do great things, just like the rest of us, just like Carin did for her sister. We are all the same in one thing, no matter our differences, and that is that we were all born for greatness.

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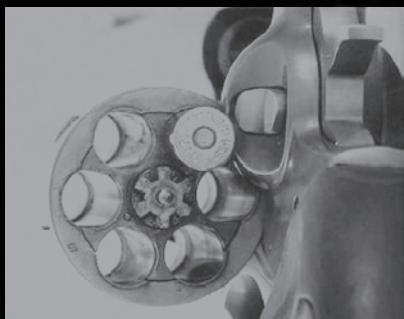
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DEATH!

Telehealth Abortion!

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We face a new battle in the fight for life.

While surgical abortions have been trending downward for many years, chemical abortions are rising across the nation and state. Between 2014 and 2019, Pennsylvania saw a 41% increase in chemical abortions, also known as medical abortions. In 2019, they accounted for nearly 45% of all abortions in the Commonwealth.

And now, with abortion being made available through telehealth appointments, the rate of chemical abortions is expected to skyrocket.

The Pill that Kills

Developed in France in the 1980's, chemical abortions were approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the first seven weeks of pregnancy in 2000. Before the two pill regimen was dispensed, a requisite in-person examination con-



firmed gestational age and ruled out complicating factors for the mother.

The first pill administered, *Mifepristone*, blocks progesterone, cutting off nourishment and oxygen to the preborn baby. A day or two later, *misoprostol* is given to expel the baby from the womb. Cramping and hemorrhaging can be severe and last anywhere from several hours to

several weeks. A young woman is often left alone to deliver and dispose of her dead baby.

In 2016, the FDA extended the time period of usage to 10 weeks gestation and reduced the required visits to an abortion provider from 3 to 2. They also stopped collecting data on the adverse effects of the abortion pill, so knowing the true rate of complications is impossible under current guidelines.

Now Even More Un-Safe

The FDA under President Biden recently lifted safety restrictions on the abortion pill regimen, allowing the potent drugs to be delivered to a mailbox or pharmacy simply through a telehealth visit with an abortion provider. This puts women at a greater risk than ever before.

No longer is an in-person exam required to confirm the gestational age of the child, rule out an ectopic pregnancy or multiple babies, detect other life-endangering conditions, or to determine if a woman is RH negative and in need of a Rhogam injection.

By simply answering a few questions during a virtual visit with an abortion worker, a desperate young woman can obtain pills that will not just end her child's life, but possibly endanger her own.

Even the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) acknowledges that about 50% of women are wrong about the date of their last cycle when trying to determine gesta-

tional age. Consequently, many women might obtain a chemical abortion past the 10 week limit, significantly increasing the chance of severe complications.

In April of this year, a 23 year-old Argentinian woman died from a chemical abortion after it was made legal in her country.

Now, in our country, unsuspecting young women are being misled into believing they can safely abort at home without proper medical supervision.

The administration and the abortion industry are playing Russian roulette with women's lives, handing them "a loaded gun" in the form of chemical abortion.

Pro-Life Doctors Speak Out

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) which represents approximately 7,000 women's healthcare practitioners, issued a statement condemning the Biden Administration's reckless action. They point out that the abortion pill regimen has led to at least 24 deaths and 3,000 injuries, with 500 more women at risk of dying had they not reached emergency medical care in time.

AAPLOG cites a Finnish study involving nearly 50,000 women who aborted at 9 weeks or less that showed immediate adverse

events were **four times** more likely with chemical abortion than surgical. Because death due to abortion often goes unreported, it is difficult to determine the true fatality rate of chemical abortion.

That is why the safety regulations, known as REMs (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation), were enacted in the first place. There is significant risk of hemorrhaging, infection, and incomplete abortion that can threaten a young woman's life. AAPLOG says the requirements that the Biden Administration lifted were not restrictive, but **protective** of women's lives. Now even more babies and mothers are at risk.

Saving Lives through APR

Women who take the first abortion pill may experience an immediate sense of regret, wondering if there is a way to save their baby. The good news is that it may be possible.

The **Abortion Pill Reversal Network** is a group of doctors and pregnancy centers who offer a progesterone protocol that can

counteract *mifepristone*. If taken early enough and before the second pill, the baby's life may be saved. This is a tested, safe option for women that has saved over **2,000 babies** according to Heartbeat International. The APR website reports that the protocol does not increase the chance of birth

defects. And because APR saves babies, it also protects women against the many complications that could occur during and after an abortion.

Abortion Pill Reversal offers hope and life to women and their babies. With the rise in chemical abortions, it's more important than ever to spread the word about APR. To obtain brochures explaining the abortion pill reversal, contact lifelines@paprolife.org.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

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Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Northeast Region held a pro-life rally featuring Starr Rogers, author of “By God’s Grace Alone” along with several other special speakers on the anniversary of the Roe decision, January 22. Our Executive Director Michael Ciccocioppo presented television

producer Sam Lesante with a Pro-Life Recognition award. The well-organized and well-attended event is a testament to their enduring commitment to speak up for the sanctity of all human life.

Bucks County Right to Life



Bucks County Right to Life braved the cold and wind and took a bus to the first ever *Philadelphia March for Life* on January 23. Participants processed through Center City carrying an

array of signs as they marched to Independence Mall where the crowd heard remarks from Live Action’s Alison Centofante and author, veteran, and political commentator Kathy Barnette.

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Bedford County



Citizens Concerned for Human Life Bedford County held their own *March for Life* on January 29, providing a strong, visible witness to life to their entire community. Over 100 people gathered at the Fairgrounds and then marched to the Courthouse where they heard remarks offered by State Representative Jesse Topper and Pastor Deken George of Pleasant Valley Bible Church.

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