

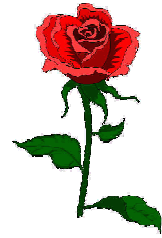


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Victory in Baltimore for Pregnancy Care Centers

After a five-year legal battle against the city of Baltimore, U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis issued a summary judgement overturning an ordinance requiring crisis pregnancy centers to post signs telling clients they do not provide or refer for surgical or medical abortions. The suit, brought by the Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns, is a significant Frist Amendment victory over government trying to enforce “compelled speech” ordinances, requiring pregnancy care centers to post signs or otherwise convey a message that opposes their deep-seated views. The city can appeal the ruling.

In a similar targeting law, a U.S. District Judge ruled in 1993 that Montgomery County could not enforce a law requiring Centro Tepeyac’s Silver Spring Women’s Center to post signs telling women it had no licensed medical practitioner on staff. The County paid \$375,000 in damages, attorney fees and court costs. For more information, go to lifesitenews.com/news/crisis-pregnancy-centers-win-against-baltimore-city-ordinance.

40 Days for Life

On October 31, the 34th day of the fall campaign which began on September 28, the 40 Days for Life staff reports that 527 mothers have decided against abortion and chosen life for their babies. What a great outcome, and the campaign continues.

Botched Abortion in Annapolis

On October 4, a woman was taken on a gurney out of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Annapolis to a waiting ambulance, which transported her to a nearby hospital. Pamela Palumbo, executive director of the Pregnancy Clinic, was at its Annapolis location immediately across the street from the abortion center was able to record the incident. An emergency call recording revealed that the woman suffered a hemorrhage during an abortion. This is the second documented medical emergency at the Annapolis Planned Parenthood facility this year. On February 19, 2013, the abortion center failed its initial licensing inspection after an inspector documented improper sterilization of surgical instruments in a leaky sterilization machine. The facility was granted a license anyway. For more information, go to operationrescue.org/archives/she-walked-into-planned-parenthood-yesterday-but-she-didnt-walk-out.

Another Maryland Late-Term Abortionist Loses His Medical License

The Maryland Board of Physicians has revoked the medical license of late-term abortionist Harold O. Alexander, effective November 4, 2016. The revocation stemmed from a complaint that Alexander had breached the standard of patient care in his treatment of a woman, who went to his Integrated Ob/Gyn abortion facility in Forestville for an abortion at 28 weeks into her pregnancy in February 2014. Although Alexander determined that her baby was already dead when she arrived at his facility, he conducted an abortion procedure for which he would be paid, rather than referring her to a hospital for an obstetrical delivery. The Board said it had no confidence that Alexander possesses the ability to practice medicine safely, especially since he was on probation at the time and that the previous disciplinary action failed to reform his behavior.

The Board acknowledged that Alexander's office: was not licensed as an abortion facility; had no surgical equipment in the event a surgical procedure was required; employed no licensed assistants; had no hospital privileges or hospital transfer agreement; and conducted abortions in the middle of the night, indicating that he was attempting to operate under the radar. For more information, go to operationrescue.org/archives/late-term-abortionist-that-blamed-operation-rescue-for-his-problems-has-medical-license-revoked.

Carhart Sued for Botched Late-Term Abortion

On September 27, Wendy Davis filed a negligence/malpractice suit alleging that LeRoy Carhart so severely botched her late-term abortion at his Germantown Reproductive Health Services facility that she nearly died. Davis endured extreme injuries, continues to suffer permanent disability,

During her first appointment, on January 18, 2016, Devine was given two injections to end the life of her baby prior to a planned Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) dismemberment abortion scheduled for the next day. At the end of the second-day procedure, Devine complained of severe abdominal pain. She was bleeding heavily, her blood pressure was very low, and her condition continued to deteriorate. An employee finally placed a 911 call early in the evening. When Davis arrived at the hospital, her vital signs were so low that she required immediate and extensive surgery. In recovery, she suffered a spasm of her swollen larynx, developed aspiration pneumonia and life-threatening sepsis. Her recovery required seven days in an intensive care unit and an additional four days in the hospital.

Her attorney said Davis suffered massive internal scarring, suffers with recurrent and severe pain, and will likely never bear another child. He alleges that this is due to gross violations of patient care standards by Carhart and Germantown Reproductive Health Services. A similar complaint has been filed in Baltimore County. For more details, go to operationrescue.org/archives/abortionist-leroy-carhart-sued-for-a-botched-clinton-supported-late-term-abortion.

Reminder

Will your council be at the annual March for Life, scheduled for January 27, 2017 on the Washington Mall? For more information, go to marchforlife.org. And do not forget the Maryland March for Life, scheduled in Annapolis on March 13, 2017; Dr. Alveda King will be the featured speaker.

Pro-Life Masses

If your council or church would like to host a pro-life Mass, the State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need the State Council help, let us know of your activity. For more information, contact Mike Furst at MFurst1@yahoo.com.

Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of October 1, there are five Cemeteries standing in Maryland, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Ocean City (Worcester County), Immanuel Lutheran Church in Easton (Talbot County), St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Silver Spring (Montgomery County), Holy Ghost Church in Issue (Charles County), St. John Francis Regis Parish in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), and St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Silver Spring (Montgomery County). To schedule a Cemetery of the Innocents in your locale, contact Jim McFillin (jimmcfillin@cs.com).

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2016 – 13 Since 2004 – 307

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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