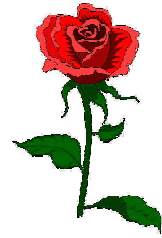




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Last Month in Germantown

Janet Kostoski, of Germantown Pregnancy Choices, reports that in the four Sunday-Wednesday periods ending on Feb. 8, LeRoy Carhart performed 52 abortions in Germantown; there were 3 saves and several women appear to have changed their minds. Of the abortions, 16 were 1-day procedures, 12 were 2-day, 15 were 3-day, and 9 were 4-day -- the longer the procedure, the older the child.

On Feb. 7, a woman completing a 2-day procedure was sent to the hospital in an ambulance. At that point, Carhart had worked 18 days straight between his Maryland and Nebraska facilities. This was the 10th patient that had to be sent to a hospital with an emergency call for an ambulance. It sadly was also exactly four years earlier, on Feb. 7, 2013, when Jennifer Morbelli died from complications from a 33-week abortion by Carhart.

Maryland: An Abortion-Friendly State

Although abortions have dropped nationwide to their lowest level since *Roe v. Wade* was passed in 1973, and 3 of every 4 abortion centers have closed in the past 15 years, Maryland stands in opposition to the trends. Presently, 26 states have five or fewer abortion facilities; six states have only one each. Maryland, in contrast, has 21 sites where a mother can destroy her in-womb baby. There are only seven states -- California, New York, Florida, New Jersey, Washington, Colorado and Illinois -- which have more. Maryland and the top seven states account for 88 percent of all abortion facilities in the nation.

40 Days for Life Spring 2017 Campaign

Since 2007, more than 725,000 people worldwide participating in *40 Days for Life* have saved over 13,000 babies, helped close 75 abortion centers, and convinced more than 150 numerous abortion workers to quit the business. The 2017 spring campaign runs from March 1 through April 9, with vigils in Maryland being held at four locations. Will you or your council pray at one of the abortion center sites for an hour or two a week? To learn more or to sign up to pray, contact one of the coordinators listed below.

Baltimore -- Hillcrest Clinic, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local contact: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com)

College Park -- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park; local contact: Tom Trunk (301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com)

Fullerton -- Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore; local contact: Tina Bauman (443-695-0103, tinab220@yahoo.com)

Germantown -- Reproductive Health Services, 13233 Executive Park Terrace, Germantown; local contact: Andrew Glenn (301-202-40DL, prayforcarhart@gmail.com)

Councils Aid Pregnancy Care Centers

K of C councils are a prime source of assistance to maintaining and improving the pregnancy care centers throughout the state. They raised the funds to have provided 20 ultrasound machines to various centers. Recently, Resurrection Council 11371 gave a donation of \$2,500 to the ultrasound fund, which will help pay for additional machines. For more information, contact PSD Richard Siejack at RVSiejack@aol.com.

Just before Christmas 2016, District 4 on behalf of its four councils was able to present a check for \$900 to Care-Net Center of Southern Maryland to purchase four tablets to serve its younger clients in its three centers. Councils throughout the state stand ready to help care centers in any way they can.

Physician Assisted Suicide in Maryland

The debate in Maryland over physician-assisted suicide legislation (House Bill 370 and Senate Bill 354, known as the *End of Life Option Act*) is more intense this year than ever before. Although the bill has died in the last two legislative sessions, this year is not as easy. The Maryland House of Delegates has already held hearings on the bill and the Senate is scheduled to hold hearings on March 7. Voting will take place soon thereafter, as the session ends on April 10. The bill puts our state's most vulnerable residents at risk. For more information or to contact your representatives to oppose the bill, go to <http://stopassistedsuicidemd.org/take-action/contact-your-legislator>.

A Safe Haven

In Maryland, there is a Safe Haven law, which allows a parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant to safely give up custody of their baby, no questions asked. A parent (or another adult with the approval of the mother) has up to 10 days from the birth to invoke Safe Haven anonymously and leave a baby at a hospital or police station. The person is immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution provided the child is unharmed.

Bob Boudreaux of Charles County Right to Life sets up a pro-life display at the various campuses of Community College of Southern Maryland each semester. On a recent occasion, a girl thanked Bob for telling her last September about Safe Haven. When she became pregnant, her parents refused to help with the baby. She did not panic and quickly have an abortion as Safe Haven allowed her to wait until the baby was born before deciding whether to keep or relinquish it to the state for adoption. Fortunately, after a few months, her parents changed their minds and now are happily awaiting the birth of their grandchild.

For more information about the Safe Haven law, call the state Department of Human Resources at 800-332-6347 or any county department of social services.

Maryland March for Life

Maryland March for Life will be held March 13, beginning at St. Mary's Church (109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis). The schedule is: 4:30 pm Youth Rally; 5:15 pm Mass and a Nondenominational Worship Service; 6:30 pm March to Lawyer's Square; 7 pm Rally (Alveda King, keynote speaker); and 8 pm Chick-fil-A and fellowship at St. Mary's

Many Cemeteries of the Innocents on Display

There are four Cemeteries standing in Maryland as of February 1: St. Aloysius in Leonardtown (St Mary's County), St. George in Valley Lee (St Mary's County), the Crawford Farm in Bryantown (Charles County), and . On February 4, a fifth installation will take place at St Mary's in Newtown (Charles County), and St. Mary's in Newport (Charles 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 2017 – 5 Since 2004 – 312

Let us thank God that He makes us live among the present problems – Pope Pius IX

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