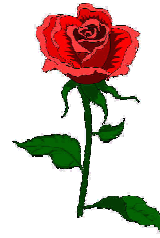




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## Blessing of New Ultrasound Machine

On March 30, newly appointed Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop Mark Brennan blessed a new ultrasound machine at Mary's Center, a Catholic pregnancy care center in Glen Burnie. The unit was donated by the Maryland State Council, with the assistance of St. Philip Neri Council 14612. To date, 20 such units have been donated to pregnancy care centers throughout the state. For more information about the program or to donate funds for its continuance, contact PSD Richard Siejack at RVSiejack@aol.com



## Last Month in Germantown

Janet Kotowski reports a very busy month for LeRoy Carhart. In the four Sunday-Wednesday periods of March in which he is in Germantown, Carhart performed 46 abortions: 19 one-day procedures, 14 two-day, 6 three-day, and 7 four-day. The later the gestational age of a baby, the longer is the procedure. The good news is that there were 6 saves last month. Mass continues to be offered every Saturday in an office with a wall that abuts the abortion clinic.

Every Thursday-Saturday, Carhart performs abortions at his facility in Bellevue, Nebraska, where late-term procedures are prohibited. Folks there report that in the last three weeks of March, he performed 95 abortions. On March 24 – his 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of work -- a patient who was in her 17<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy was evacuated by ambulance to a nearby hospital emergency room. Carhart showed his concern for her health by seeing five more patients the following day. The 75-year old abortionist has killed one abortion patient and hospitalized at least 15 others in the past five years.

## Fund Raisers

The pro-life movement is built on volunteerism, passion and charity. The latter is critical to the continuance of many of pregnancy care centers and other organizations. Can you help one of more of the following organizations, while you are having an enjoyable time and helping to save lives?

**Gabriel Network**, “a Christian ministry of loving service to women and families challenged with a crisis pregnancy”, is holding its annual gala on Friday, April 28, beginning at 6 pm, at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be accepted. For more information or to RSVP, contact [gabrielnetwork.org](http://gabrielnetwork.org) or call 800-264-3565.

**Center for Pregnancy Concerns (CP)**, with locations in Baltimore, Dundalk, Essex and Arbutus, has two fund-raisers scheduled. On June 9, it will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Tee Off for Kids golf tournament at Greystone Golf Course in White Hall, with a shotgun start of 1:00 pm. Then on Saturday, July 8, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Middle River, from 5 to 8 pm. For more information, see the CPC website <http://pregnantandneedhelp.org/events/> or contact Kelly at [Kelly@CenterForPregnancyConcern.org](mailto:Kelly@CenterForPregnancyConcern.org) or call 443-356-6941.

**Hartford County Right to Life** is making its one and only request for donations. Funds will support the fees for space to operate a table at Farm Fair (the county fair) the cost to purchase the free items -- literature, take-home preborn baby models, balloons, displays, bumper stickers, bracelets, etc. – that are given free to

all visitors. For more information or to donate, contact Bob Brown at [hcrtlpresident@yahoo.com](mailto:hcrtlpresident@yahoo.com) or call (443) 567-2342.

## **Abortion Center in Silver Spring**

Legend has it that St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland. It is no legend, however, that on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facility in Silver Spring closed its doors. After 20 years of operation, pro-life activists, led by Lauren Handy, persuaded the property management company not to renew Planned Parenthood's lease using a narrowly-targeted educational campaign. Abortion is not good for neighboring businesses. With prayers and peaceful protest, and God's help, let's close every baby-killing facility.

## **Physician Assisted Suicide in Maryland**

On March 3, the *End of Life Options Act* (SB 354) was withdrawn from consideration in the Maryland Senate. This action ends the chance of a physician-assisted suicide bill passing in Maryland for the third straight year. Jennifer Briemann, Maryland Catholic Conference's Associate Director for Respect For Life, said: "This victory would not have been possible without the support of the Knights of Columbus and parishes from around the state, whose grassroots advocacy efforts proved yet again that Marylanders strongly believe our state is not a state where this practice belongs." Funded by the out-of-state, multi-million dollar entity Compassion & Choices, supporters of the legislation will likely try again in 2018. A battle was won, but the war continues.

## **Planned Parenthood's Maryland Legislative Support**

On March 30, Vice President Mike Pence voted to break a tie in the U.S. Senate to overturn a late-in-the-Obama-term regulation forcing states to give Title X money to organizations that commit abortions. This was the first abortion-related vote in the Senate since the 2015 vote on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The U.S. House had voted 230 to 188, on Feb. 16, to overturn this regulation. The bill does not require the President's signature because Congress can undo any agency regulations within 60 legislative days of their enactment.

More than a dozen states had already indicated that they would redirect the funds from Planned Parenthood to community health centers, which do not provide abortions. Unfortunately, Maryland is not one of those states. The state's House of Delegates (voted 90-51 in favor on March 16) and Senate (voted 32-15 in favor on March 28) each passed bills to allow Planned Parenthood to receive state funds if the Federal Government is successful in defunding the organization. The bill now goes to Governor Hogan for signature, but with a veto-override legislative majority.

## **We Stand Ready to Assist You**

Is your council ready for a Culture of Life activity? Consider sponsoring a Cemetery of the Innocents. So far this fraternal year, there have been five cemeteries installed in the state for a total of 312 since 2004; one is available for installation. For more information, contact Chairman Jim McFillin at [jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com).

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](mailto:mfurst1@yahoo.com).

*Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother –*  
Mother Teresa

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