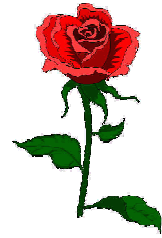




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Last Month in Germantown

Janet Kotowski reports that LeRoy Carhart performed 57 abortions at his Germantown facility in April. Sadly, he was open on Easter Sunday, but only one woman showed up. Fortunately, she left after a short time and has not returned. In the four Sunday-Wednesday periods of April in which he operates in Germantown, Carhart performed 25 one-day procedures, 19 two-day, 11 three-day, and 2 four-day. The later the gestational age of a baby, the longer is the procedure. The good news is that there were 7 saves last month. Mass continues to be offered every Saturday in an office with a wall that abuts the abortion clinic.

Will Carhart's Abortion Business End Soon?

Charlie Baile, pastor of Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, is leading a group of pro-life advocates who have obtained pledges for \$1.2 million and have offered a contract to purchase from the owners (a brother and sister, whose father was an abortionist) of the two townhouses and the business that is called Germantown Reproductive Health Services. LeRoy Carhart is only a subcontractor to the owners. The siblings also own Prince Georges Reproductive Health Services in Hyattsville. The price has been agreed upon, and lawyers for both sides are now negotiating the stipulations. If accepted, Carhart's contract would be terminated, both abortion businesses would be closed, and the Germantown townhouses leased to a medical group that does not perform abortions. The siblings would be under a non-compete clause and could not engage in an abortion business within 500 miles of Germantown for a period of five years. Pastor Baile was part of the group that established Germantown Pregnancy Choices a referral and counseling center immediately across the street from Carhart's operation. The group would appreciate your prayers for the success of this venture.

Pro-Life Apologetics Course

Charles County Right to Life has purchased a subscription to a web-based, on-line video course on pro-life apologetics from Equal Rights Institute. There also is a twice monthly podcast from the creators, Josh and Timothy Brahm. The course is offered free to those who regularly attend the monthly Charles County Right to Life meetings or participate in the prayer groups outside the county's Planned Parenthood clinic. Others may participate for a \$10 fee to help cover the cost of the license. To register for the course, email theholymfamilyrespectlife@gmail.com and you will receive login and password information. For more information about the course, contact Sid Marcus (chairman, Charles County Right to Life) at CCRTL1973@verizon.net.

Pregnancy Care Centers Locate to Meet the Needs

Carol Clews, executive director of the *Center for Pregnancy Concerns*, received a phone call, in early January, from a man wishing to donate a 3-story brick building at 328 North Howard Street in Baltimore. Adjacent to the property is the headquarters for Planned Parenthood of Maryland. Vacant for several years, the building was in terrible shape, but the location was exceptional. A second person volunteered to match the first donation to help cover the needed renovations. On January 19, the building was purchased at auction for \$94,500, with settlement on March 10. Two days later, Fr. Richard Gray, pastor of St. Clare's Catholic Church in Essex,



conducted an exorcism to spiritually cleanse the building. The building is expected to ready in the fall, and Clews wants it to have an ultrasound from day 1. For more information, see the March-April issue of the newsletter, *Defend Life*, at www.DefendLife.org.

Birthright of Maryland, which had been located in the McCarrick Center in Silver Spring has moved to upper Montgomery County, an area in which there are no other pregnancy care centers. Its previous site was in the same building at Centro Tepeyac, and both centers served essentially the same clientele. At the end of March, Birthright moved to 2915-F Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD 20832, which is close to well-travelled Rt. 108 (Georgia Ave), near six high schools and several new housing developments. Fran Van Brocklin, who is replacing Carole Buchanan as director of the center, has announced that an Open House will be held on Sunday, May 21st from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Birthright at 301-570-3339.

Fund Raiser

Center for Pregnancy Concerns has two fund-raisers scheduled. On June 9, it will hold its 11th 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 5th 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 Center's website <http://pregnantandneedhelp.org/events/> or contact Kelly at Kelly@CenterForPregnancyConcern.org or call 443-356-6941.

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.

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 Innocent Gets New Crosses

Like all outdoor elements, the crosses used in the Cemeteries of the Innocent occasionally need replacement. On Good Friday, the Huntingtown High School Pro-Life Club and St. Francis de Sales Life Teen group spent Good Friday morning and early afternoon painting 200 new crosses for cemetery displays to be used throughout Charles County and Southern Maryland. Under the direction of Mary Beth Woodburn, some 30 teens painted the newly constructed crosses, pausing every 15 minutes to pray for the aborted babies, their mothers and all others involved with this deadly act. When they finished, many of the teens attended the outdoor Stations of the Cross liturgy at St. Francis de Sales Church.



The crosses are ready. Are you? For information about installing a Cemetery of the Innocent, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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