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## Maryland Physician Assisted Suicide Bill Defeated

On March 27, the *End of Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger “Pip” Moyer Act)* was defeated in the last stage of the legislative process. After being passed in a House committee, the full House of Delegates, and a Senate committee, it went to the full Senate. With 47 senators in attendance, 24 were needed for passage. The final vote was 23-23, defeating the bill. Sen. Pam Beidel (District 32, Anne Arundel County) originally voted in “favor”, but changed her ballot to “against” before the final tally. Sen. Obie Patterson (District 26, Prince George’s County) did not vote, stating that he could not decide either way. The pro-life outcome was due to concerted efforts by Maryland Right to Life, Maryland Catholic Conference, Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide, and the many people they rallied to contact their senators to vote against the bill. Special thanks to volunteer Laura Jones, who with her husband Tom, made a video explaining the dangers of physician assisted suicide and who spent many days lobbying in Annapolis.

## KofC Ultrasound Program

At Care-Net of Southern Maryland’s annual gala dinner on March 28, attended by some 700 people, the Knights of Columbus presented the pregnancy care center’s director with a check for \$43,900 to purchase two ultrasound machines. One will replace a 10-year old machine, which was the first in Maryland donated under the KofC’s ultrasound program, and the other for the PCC’s recently opened third location in Leonardtown. Under the leadership of PGK Mickey Dillow of St. John Francis Regis Council 7914, a broad-based fundraising effort was conducted throughout southern Maryland. Among the contributors were 12 councils: St. Mary’s 1470, St. Michael’s 2065, Holy Face 3849, Calvert 3870 (contributed in excess of \$6,500 from a church drive), St. John Francis Regis, SJ 7914, Immaculate Conception 8159, Our Lady Star of the Sea 9258, St. Francis Xavier, The Missionary 10957, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom 11259, Father Sebastien de Rose 13091, Jesus the Good Shepherd 14572, and Jesus the Divine Word 14775, as well as two assemblies: Father Andrew White 377 and Lord Baltimore 2470. American Heritage Girls gave \$5000 from their “King Cakes for Care-Net” project.

Individual donations included two for \$1000, and several in the \$300 to \$500 range. Supreme contributed half of the total under the Order’s matching program. In



In the photo, State Deputy Dale Trott, with State Treasurer Christopher Power and Mickey Dillow (holding the check) made the presentation to Care-Net’s director Olivia Bossert (far left), with American Heritage Girls representatives, Sarah and Debbie Cress observing.

Several councils in other parts of the state are working with PCCs to raise funds and prepare applications to receive ultrasound units. The State Ultrasound Program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests. Can your council help? For more information or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at [LPGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGrayson@verizon.net).

## Carhart and the Born Alive Child

The *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, if passed, would require that a child born alive during a botched abortion be given the same level of care that would be provided to any other baby born at that same gestational stage. As the bill's sponsor Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska said, the purpose of the bill is to prevent infanticide. Too often when a baby is born alive after an abortion, it is left to die.

Late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart, interviewed on Nebraska's KETV, condemned the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, saying that Sen. Ben Sasse is "ignorant and doesn't understand what he is talking about, or even worse, he's lying." Carhart continued, "I think it's cruel and inhumane to make a woman stay pregnant with a baby that she knows won't survive birth." In the 2007 Supreme Court case *Gonzales v. Carhart*, he tried to overturn the *Partial-Birth Abortion Ban*, but lost.

## 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life ends on April 14 (Palm Sunday). Can you spare an hour to pray at one of the five locations in Maryland where vigils are being held from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily:

**Annapolis** – Vigil is held on the public sidewalk in front of (West St.) and behind (Smithville Rd.) the Planned Parenthood building (929 West Street, Annapolis). April 12, starting at 7:00 pm, Candlelight and All-Night Vigil. Local coordinator: Maureen Freeman, [mjff3473@aol.com](mailto:mjff3473@aol.com), 954-257-7530.

**Bethesda** -- Carhart's AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Local Coordinator: Jill Gadwood, [40DaysBethesda@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysBethesda@gmail.com)

**Catonsville** -- Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville. Local Coordinator: Kim Frazer, [vigilbaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:vigilbaltimore@gmail.com), 410-456-9544.

**College Park** -- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park – 6:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. April 3 – Vesper Prayers, 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, led by a deacon; April 7, Jericho Walk, 3:00pm to 5:00 pm led by several ministers; April 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, closing prayer service led by a local pastor, with hymns appropriate for Palm Sunday. Local coordinator: Thomas Trunk, [40DaysforLifeMD@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysforLifeMD@gmail.com), 240-593-6982.

**Fullerton** – Vigil on sidewalk along 7600-7700 Belair Road in front of the Belair Beltway Plaza, outside of Whole Women's Health 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore. April 14, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Candlelight Vigil. Local coordinator: Tina B., [40DaysforLifeFullerton@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysforLifeFullerton@gmail.com), 443-695-0103

## Upcoming Event

May 10 – Maryland Right to Life Foundation Banquet and Silent Auction, Hotel Annapolis (126 West Street, Annapolis), auction 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm, guest speaker is Scott Klusendorf, tickets \$75 per person, for more information and reservations, contact Julie at [julie@mdrtl.org](mailto:julie@mdrtl.org).

## Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of July 1, there is one Cemetery of the Innocents standing in Maryland. It is at St. Mary's parish in Newport (Charles County). Will your council host one? For more information or to schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at [jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com).

**Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2019 – 1 Since 2004 – 330**

*“A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon find that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it” – Abp. Fulton J. Sheen*