



Oregon, That's Life

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From the Directors

There are many things happening in the field of life: some positive and some negative. We hope you can use this newsletter to guide people in building a culture of life wherever they are.

Life is fragile; Let's work together to build it up. Remember, Oregon: *THAT'S LIFE!*

\$50,000 Donation

We are still looking for someone in the central coast area to utilize our \$50,000 donation for purchase of one or more ultrasounds. Who wants to use it?

Walk for Life 2022 - Canby

On Saturday May 7, people will gather at the offices of Pregnancy Care Centers at 158 SW 2nd Ave. in Canby to walk, run, roll and stroll the family-friendly 1 or 2-mile route and celebrate with music, worship, snacks, popcorn, games and prizes! You can participate and sign up to be an individual Walker or organize your team of Walkers to raise money, support, and awareness! Register online to participate at: www.pccnvw.org/events/

New Archdiocese Respect Life Coordinator

Sarah Livingstone has been appointed the new Archdiocese Respect Life Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon. In that position she will work closely with parish leaders to develop and grow a solid and faithful "Culture of Life". Her email is: slivingstone@archdpdx.org

Fertility Clinics and Life Don't Mix

A Manhattan couple decided to abort their child after 6 months of pregnancy because they discovered the New York Fertility Institute had implanted an embryo that was not related to the couple. Although they claimed to love the baby, they aborted it on December 1, 2021, giving their reason as fearing the child's biological parents might claim it. Where is King Solomon when we need him?

The Ukraine-Russia Conflict

To this date (April 29) \$14,005,800 has been raised for the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. To make a donation, contact info@kofccharities.org

Oregon: Leader in Abortion & Assisted Suicide

News related to the sanctity of life in Oregon is usually not good news. As already reported in last month's newsletter, our Oregon Legislature recently approved spending up to \$15,000,000 (yes, that is *Fifteen Million Dollars* of our tax money) to pay for the travel, lodging, and abortions of women coming here from out of state to have their abortions.

Portland-based Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette is now leasing what had been the clinic for Four Rivers Health Care in Ontario, Oregon. This move is believed to be in response to an Idaho law passed in March which will prevent medical professionals in that state from committing abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected.

Someone traveling from Boise, Idaho, to get an abortion would have to drive 250 miles to Walla Walla, Washington, or 319 miles to Bend, Oregon. Now with a facility in Ontario, the distance would be reduced to 56 miles. The Planned Parenthood chief of affiliate operations in Portland was quoted as saying they were "currently exploring expanding our health care services in Oregon to ensure everyone can get the health care they need, when they need it."

Your editors say it is a travesty to call killing a child "health care". Health care would protect life.

Not to be outdone on one end of the spectrum (abortion), the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Medical Board recently expanded the state's Assisted Suicide law by deciding not to enforce the residency requirement. So Oregon is encouraging the death of people coming and going.

Hope Pregnancy Center in Ontario in Malheur County hopes to try saving the lives of some of the unborn children coming here to Oregon, but is in need of a new ultrasound. Council 1656 of Ontario is raising money for the ultrasound. If you want to help, checks may be mailed to State Charities Secretary Ken Anderson, 11863 SW Greenburg Rd, Apt #8, Tigard, OR 97223. Make the check payable to: *Oregon State K of C Charities.*

McCarrick Court Case

Even though formal-cardinal Theodore McCarrick was scheduled to appear in court on March 3, we have not been able to find information about either it or about McCarrick since then. This is disturbing, especially since he is not the only high-ranking cleric guilty of abusing his position. We can not afford to allow McCarrick to be conveniently forgotten.

Dobbs Is Coming, So KEEP PRAYING

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization is a challenge to a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the *Dobbs* case December 1, and is expected to release a decision in June of this year. We hope the Court will rule that states may restrict abortion at any stage, and also repeal *Roe v. Wade*.

We would not see any changes immediately here in Oregon other than our current state government taking an even stronger stance to support abortion. It is time for us to start changing the culture of death in Oregon to one of life. How can we do that? One way to start is the Oregon Primary Election. Be sure to VOTE FOR LIFE in the May 17 election!

New Use for Unborn Babies: Energy!

The 115 aborted babies recovered from a medical waste delivery truck in Washington D.C. on March 25 were destined for transformation into power. The truck was from Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services, which disposes of medical waste by burning it, and Curtis Bay claims to incinerate biomedical waste to turn it into energy.

Forced Organ Harvesting of Prisoners in China

The medical *American Journal of Transplantation* has determined at least 71 heart and lung donations from prisoners in China between 1980 and 2015 came from organ removal processes causing the death of the "donors". In other words, people are being executed by organ removal. China denies the assertions. Chinese authorities claim by 2023 they will be performing 50,000 transplants annually (in 2020 there were only some 39,000 transplants in the U.S.).

Infanticide in the National Capitol

On March 25 members of the pro-life group PAAU (Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising) obtained 115 infant corpses from a medical waste delivery driver leaving an abortion facility in Washington D.C. in order to give the victims a proper burial and funeral.

A funeral Mass was held for all 115 victims, and 110 of them were buried. The remaining five victims showed signs of having been killed after birth. Arrangements were made for the five babies to undergo forensic examination by the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Police homicide unit.

In an April 1 press conference, D.C. police dismissed the idea that the five babies could have been killed illegally, even though no autopsy had been performed. On April 8 D.C. Mayor Bowser recommended the Department of Justice investigate one of the PAAU members who recovered the bodies.

To this point authorities are ignoring the likely infanticide crimes, and are instead attempting to punish the pro-life heroes who are trying to protect unborn children, and honor aborted victims.

Pro-Life Quote for the Month



It became a mission of mine to make sure that these babies receive a burial. It is one of the corporal works of mercy to bury the dead, and so I thought as a priest I was given the honor to make sure that these babies were afforded an honor they weren't in life, not being able to be born.

Father Bill Kuchinsky
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia
(referring to holding a funeral Mass for 115 aborted children)

Scriptural Verses to Remember

Exodus 20:12 / Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

1 John 3:16 / The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 / Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.