

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AMERICAN LIFE LEAGUE

#### Marian Blue Wave Crashes!

By Katie Brown, Director, Marian Blue Wave

Our Marian Blue Wave map crashed a few weeks ago. But what might seem like bad news is actually good news! Let me explain.

When we launched the Marian Blue Wave in 2019, we wanted to include a map function on the website that would show in real time how many people had committed to pray for our intentions. What we expected was a few hundred commitments scattered across the United States, but what we got was much different.

The global map quickly filled up, creating an actual blue wave of small icons representing prayer partners committed to praying



one rosary a week for the Marian Blue Wave intentions. Our numbers started at a few hundred and soon jumped into the thousands!

Knowing that this map software had a limit to how many commitments it could hold, we opted to use an

affordable software that would allow us to put a real map on our Marian Blue Wave website.

The good news is that this year we finally reached the number of rosary commitments our map software could hold, which ultimately led to the crash. This means that so many people have committed to the Marian Blue Wave that it overloaded our website. How incredible is that?

Good news disguised as bad news!

We are in the process of updating our map software so it can hold thousands more commitments. We estimate that about 10,000 Catholics and other Christians have committed to be a part of the Marian Blue Wave to date, and we'd like to bring on 10,000 more!

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#### A New ALL News

Pro-life news & information just got a lot brighter!

ALL News has gotten a major upgrade! Let's walk through some of the changes you're going to see.

Laser and color printing technology have come a long way in recent years, both advancing in quality and decreasing in cost. ALL can now affordably present information to our supporters in a more vibrant way! We believe that adding color to ALL Newswhich remains one of the most popular pro-life newsletters in the nation—will bring our work and our stories to life while showing the vitality of our mission. And the new bite-sized articles will still pack a punch!

We hope you enjoy the new format and will share it with your friends and family! This is one of the many ways ALL can engage with audiences of all ages in the 21st century!

Please pray for ALL and our lifesaving mission!

## From Our Supporters

**Norine and James** are very dedicated to the cause of life. And as they have said many times when we talk with them, they are hard-pressed to support our work but willing to make the sacrifices to do so because the "babies are worth it." Personal sacrifices are challenging for each of us, but we can rest assured that the Lord knows of our love for His babies and blesses us in many ways.

Dan in Wisconsin told us how much he appreciated having Hugh Brown come to his state and speak to the pro-life people there. He generously supports our work and is genuinely in awe of what we do.

**Bettie** asked us to pray for her special intentions.

This brings to mind an idea that should be foremost in all of our thoughts, and that is that we must pray for each other every day because pro-life people need the grace of God to stand firm in defense of innocent little ones.

"Preach the Truth as if you had a million voices.
It is silence that kills the world."

St. Catherine of Siena



#### STOPP Shines the Light on PPFA's Vile Annual Report

By Rita Diller, Interim Director, Stop Planned Parenthood International

Planned Parenthood Federation of America released a shameful 2021-22 annual report in May, boasting that it killed 374,155 children by abortion—its second highest number ever—while greatly expanding its online sexindoctrination presence.

Our analysis of the dark report was featured on May 4, 2023, as the top story on *The Stream*—a well-respected online news source that reaches hundreds of thousands of readers around the world daily.

The entire PPFA report was filled with decadent propaganda, with the word "RELENTLESS" standing in rows and columns throughout the report as a not-so-subtle reminder that PP will remain relentless when it comes to abortion, sex indoctrination, and re-forming the world according to Planned Parenthood's own twisted, perverse ideals. The numbers confirm PP's relentless onslaught.

 In a year PP termed "The Worst" because of the *Dobbs* decision, it admitted to **killing 1,025 babies per day**, the second largest number in PPFA history.

- PPFA ended the fiscal year with \$204.7 million in profits.
- With all that excess money in hand, it also raked in \$670.4 million dollars (\$1.8 million per day) in government funding an all-time high. That's 35% of PPFA's annual income.

After its abortion business, one of the gravest threats posed by Planned Parenthood is its sexualization of children. The PP report boasts that its Internet presence has generated:

- · 2.4 million video views
- 1 million sessions on decisionmaking quizzes
- 154,000 conversations with "live health educators"
- 204,000 conversations with its sex-ed chat robot "Roo"
- · 200 million visits to its website

It is up to us to be even more relentless than the demons that drive Planned Parenthood. STOPP—dubbed ALL's Planned Parenthood watchdog group by the media—is here, relentlessly working and praying alongside you and all our associates worldwide to stop Planned Parenthood.

### New Lessons Coming Soon from the CLSP!

By Susan Ciancio, Director, Culture of Life Studies Program

Our team is working hard because we know that building a culture of life starts within the family. We are making great progress on the new lessons we announced previously! Coming soon is a lesson on the Beatitudes and a lesson on St. John Bosco. For teens, we are creating a lesson that teaches the complementarity between men and women and that addresses the truth that there are just two sexes. We are also planning a lesson that teaches kids to love even those who persecute them. Keep checking our online store (shop.all.org/clsp) for updates!

"The truth of Christian Revelation, found in Jesus of Nazareth, enables all men and women to embrace the 'mystery' of their own life. As absolute truth, it summons human beings to be open to the transcendent, whilst respecting both their autonomy as creatures and their freedom. At this point the relationship between freedom and truth is complete, and we understand the full meaning of the Lord's words: 'You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free' (Jn 8:32)."

Saint John Paul II, Fides et Ratio (Faith and Reason)

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We are finding that high-capacity map software will come with a higher price tag, but it's worth it to have the ability to represent the prayer partners who make up the Marian Blue Wave.

One of the comments I often hear is how encouraging it is for people to see the map. Being a pro-lifer in this day and age can feel very isolating. Whenever I speak to someone about the Marian Blue Wave, I often say the first thing they need to do is check out the map. It quickly proves how large our community is.

Even though we may be separated by distance, the Marian Blue Wave community is bonded by our love of life and our dedication to the Blessed Mother.

May she continue to guide our small but mighty program, as we ask her to intercede for an end to all types of abortion and for the closure of all abortion facilities.

Our Lady of Life, pray for us!

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## Wisdom from Catholic Bishops

We encourage each of you to reach out with gratitude to these courageous bishops.



**Bishop Joseph N. Perry** (Chicago, Illinois) wrote about suffering in the Catholic Men Chicago Southland newsletter: "Perhaps, it is not suffering itself that needs to be feared and avoided at all costs. Some suffering is simply

part of the human condition. Some parts of it we provoke in our making life miserable for another. Perhaps, what needs to be avoided is a death without dignity that pretends that suffering does not exist at all; a death without purpose. Jesus' death is a sign that no suffering is meaningless when Jesus walks with us. No tears are wasted when Jesus walks with us. No pain is unnoticed by God when it is the pain of a believer."



**Bishop Robert Barron** (Winona-Rochester, Minnesota) wrote on proportionalism in a Word on Fire article entitled "Proportionalism: An Old but Stubborn Foe": "I'm sure you can see that, once the category of the intrinsically

evil is set aside, practically anything can be justified on proportionalist grounds. In classical moral theory, intrinsically evil acts would include, among many others, the direct killing of the innocent, the enslavement of other people, torture, and sexual intercourse with children....John Paul II gave voice to the Church's longheld conviction that proportionalism, consistently applied, opens the door to moral chaos. If you were to say that assisted suicide is permissible when a sufferer is in screaming pain and within days of his death, what prevents you from saying that it should be permitted when he is within weeks or months of his death, or when his pain is more psychological than physical, or when the state decides it is expedient? To deny the category of the intrinsically evil is to place oneself, inevitably, on a slippery slope to complete moral relativism."



**Bishop John P. Dolan** (Phoenix, Arizona) will establish a mental health ministry in his diocese, due in part to the fact that his sister Mary committed suicide. In a message on his personal Facebook page, he wrote:

"I am convinced that the Lord who conquers all things is leading Mary to Himself. She is very much loved and very much missed. May she rest in peace."



**Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** (San Francisco, California) spoke about marriage in a *USA Today* interview, saying, "There is a problem here—an injustice, really—in the way that some people are so often identified

by what they are against. Opposition to same-sex marriage is a natural consequence of what we are for, i.e., preserving the traditional, natural understanding of marriage in the culture and in the law."

## Abortion Is the Destruction of a Human Being

By Judie Brown, President, American Life League

Those eight words in the title encapsulate the reason for our commitment to defend life. We must never stop telling the truth about contraception, abortion, and their fruits.

We know that contraception is the root cause of abortion. Most recently, the culture is redefining the definition of human beings and of men and women and is perpetrating all manner of verbal and medical assaults on nature. So it is easy for the truth to be denied or merely ignored. One wonders at times if anyone cares about truth.

Into this quagmire comes the bright light of honesty. All anyone has to do to contradict our foes is ask a simple question: When a female egg unites with a male sperm, what is the result of fertilization?

Is it a chicken? Is it a frog? Or is it indeed a human being who possesses his or her own DNA—the special identity that defines this person as a unique, one-of-a-kind human being?

Yes, our DNA defines us. Every human being has this unique genetic identity. So when we say that abortion is the destruction of a human being, we are making a scientific statement of fact. And in 2023 that is more important than ever before because even many of those who claim to be pro-life have no clue what that means.

Some say they are pro-life but will not take a position on contraception. This is a problem because currently the most popular forms of contraception act in several ways, including causing abortion to occur in the early days of

are pro-life EXCEPT for certain circumstances, which means that their qualifications that permit killing babies disqualifies them as pro-life spokespeople.

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We are living in a world that detests innocent human beings for any number of reasons, and we are the only defenders they have. So let us proudly proclaim the truth: Abortion is the destruction of a human being, and we will not tolerate it in even one case.

New commentaries from Judie Brown and guest authors are posted daily at ALL.org!



# The Paul Brown Chronicles CHAPTER 9

By Judie Brown

I recall the first time Paul met Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life. They were together on a stage. She was defending the personhood principle and Paul was explaining why pro-life people needed to be involved in politics. The state was South Dakota, and they were both brilliant. But Paul was fascinated by Nellie's phrase "a little bit of abortion," so he asked her why she kept telling pro-lifers that this was an unacceptable position to take.

Her answer was typical Nellie: "Mr. Brown, we cannot tolerate a single abortion, not even a little bit. We must work to end it all." And that provoked Paul to first think and then say, "You know that is a tough sell in politics." Nellie replied, "The babies do not vote, Paul, but we do, and it is up to us to make sure people understand this."

In total agreement, they went forth and spoke in so many states afterward that I cannot count them, but Nellie's message stuck with Paul, and he adopted the position that as pro-life people involved with politics, we must educate candidates on the principle that no one should defend even "a little bit of abortion."

