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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM
AMERICAN LIFE LEAGUE

ALL Talks to High School Teens about 'Dating Pro-Life'

In early October, Katie Brown, director of the Marian Blue Wave, traveled to a Catholic parish in South Carolina to talk to a group of high school students.

The parish, St. Philip Neri in Fort Mill, South Carolina, hosted Katie for a discussion with the teenagers about "Dating Pro-Life." About 50 teens attended the talk, all asking thoughtful questions and participating in a fruitful conversation about the topic. Katie spoke about the purpose of dating, how the teens can incorporate chastity into relationships, and what to look for when considering a potential dating partner.

The discussion offered a novel way of thinking about dating and chastity, not as something to fear, but as something to embrace out of selfless love for one another.



ALL's Charity Watchlist: Do You Know What You Are Supporting?

After months under construction, ALL's Charity Watchlist is now available on our website. Learn which charities support or oppose the defense of human beings before choosing which ones to donate money or goods to this holiday season. If there is a charity you would like to know more about, please contact us at info@all.org or visit our website at all.org/charity-watchlist.

'Commonsense' Killing Why Do Pro-Lifers Struggle to Score Legal Victories?

Election Day 2023 is over. How are pro-life advocates feeling? Pretty beat up.

Most voters in Ohio's major cities believe murdering preborn children should be a right, so they chose to enshrine it in the state's constitution by voting "yes" on Issue 1. Virginia Democrats convinced voters that if you hand both houses of the state legislature to Republicans, they are going to ban every abortion without exception, even though the governor had his sights set on a 15-week limit.

It's hard to sway public opinion against the evil of preborn child killing when lawmakers and conservative organizations propose limits as "commonsense" instead of complete bans. It's a lesson pro-life lawmakers must carry with them in 2024: When you compromise with the devil, the devil always wins.

From Our Supporters

Jozef wrote, “Our pro-life work will not end until the Blessed Mother has crushed the head of the serpent. This is why we work, we keep praying the holy rosary every day, and we use whatever peaceful means at our disposal to oppose Satan, his minions, and their evil works. Keep up the fight.”

Jane wrote, “Kamala Harris should NEVER have been selected as vice president. She is a disaster and cannot articulate one memorable sentence. . . . Her pro-abortion rhetoric makes me ill, and yet I think everyone should pray for her. What a powerful voice for truth she would be if she chose to be pro-life!”

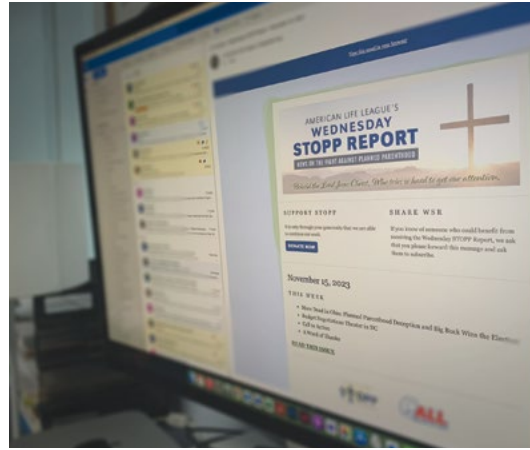
Lucille told us that she cannot understand why Joe Biden hasn't been excommunicated from the Catholic Church. The bishops would be doing the right thing if they instructed the president that he must not receive the body of Christ in Holy Communion until he renounces his pro-abortion leanings. Doing so would speak truth to defend Christ in the Eucharist. Amen, Lucille. We agree 100%.

“Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Celebrating the Return of the ‘Wednesday STOPP Report’!

By Ed Martin, Director, Stop Planned Parenthood International



After a brief hiatus, the *Wednesday STOPP Report* is back! Pioneered by the late, great Jim Sedlak, this bimonthly update gives you the latest news on what Planned Parenthood is up to and how we can fight to defeat the abortion giant.

In the mid-November *WSR*, readers received an update on Planned Parenthood’s spending in Ohio and other parts of the country

during the recent elections. Planned Parenthood and its abortion allies outspent pro-lifers massively—perhaps by as much as 10 times! Don’t believe the media when they say voters rejected life. The voters were misled by Planned Parenthood. And you must remember why they spend like this: Abortion is big business, and the forces that profit from it are willing to spend to continue it.

In a follow-up to the news of Planned Parenthood’s spending, ALL’s vice president, Hugh Brown, drew attention to an opportunity for the Republican majority in the United States House of Representatives. His letter to Speaker Mike Johnson encouraged the House to cut the nearly \$1 billion of taxpayer money that goes to Planned Parenthood each year. Using our tax dollars to fund abortion is unpopular with “We the People,” and the House should cut the budget of these baby killers.

We hope you will stay tuned to our *Wednesday STOPP Report* and invite others to participate in our fight to stop Planned Parenthood.

Do you want to receive the *Wednesday STOPP Report*? Sign up for this email newsletter on our website at all.org/wednesday-stopp-report.

CLSP: A Year in Review

By Susan Ciancio, Director, Culture of Life Studies Program

The Culture of Life Studies Program had a busy 2023! This past summer, we released two new lessons—one for middle schoolers about St. John Bosco and the other for high schoolers about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Our writers are working on several new lessons, including one for elementary students on the Beatitudes. In addition, along with the Institute for Excellence in Writing, we held our annual Pro-Life Essay Contest and received hundreds of amazing entries. These essays show how young people think and help us formulate future lessons. We are incredibly proud of all the students who entered. Our staff will announce the winners soon!

Who Protects Christ in the Eucharist?

Where does your bishop stand on Canon 915? ALL's Research Department is working to find out! We're updating our Protecting Christ in the Eucharist: Canon 915 website with information about what your bishop is doing to defend Christ. Stay tuned for further updates in 2024 at all.org/bishops-positions.

“We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength.”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina



ALL produces a wide range of educational materials and pro-life merchandise crucial to building a CULTURE OF LIFE! Visit our online store at SHOP.ALL.ORG.

Wisdom from Catholic Bishops

We encourage each of you to reach out with gratitude to these courageous bishops. Visit USCCB.org/find-a-bishop-and-diocese for contact information.



Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney (Paterson, New Jersey) wrote an article on the diocesan website and applauded Joan Andrews Bell's heroism, saying, "I believe that Joan Andrews Bell, her voice, example, and witness, are worthy of our consideration and prayerful 'listening.' As we pray for Joan and all working to build a culture of life, we might reflect on the Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary, given to us by Pope Saint John Paul II, 'Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.' We pray for Joan and all of those who make a sacrificial witness for life. Proclaiming the kingdom is the work of the Church that encourages all living with fear or despair to embrace God's gift of life with confidence and gratitude. As we join in prayer on behalf of life and for the Synod, we share the gift, as the Body of Christ, of standing alongside the fearful and confused as the living light of the gospel."



Bishop Michael Burbidge (Arlington, Virginia) recently celebrated a Respect Life Mass during which he said some people mistakenly believe the Supreme Court overturned its abortion decision when it ruled on the *Dobbs* case. He pointed out, "The opposite is true. . . . So, here in Virginia, where there are no limits to abortion, we need to allow our voices to be heard, and the way we are defenders of human life showing forth radical solidarity is through prayer and witness and advocacy."



Bishop Michael C. Barber (Oakland, California) and **Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone** (San Francisco, California) issued a pastoral letter on the body-soul unity of the human person, saying, "Compassion that does not include both truth and charity is a misplaced compassion. Support for those experiencing gender dysphoria must be characterized by an active concern for genuine Christian charity and the truth about the human person. It is, in fact, the truth about the dignity of each person which demands that no one should suffer bullying, violence, insults, or unjust discrimination."

Murder in the Twilight Zone

By Judie Brown, President, American Life League

Being old enough to recall the television series *The Twilight Zone*, it occurred to me that Webster's definition—"an area just beyond ordinary legal and ethical limits"—applies to our current age.

We see this twilight zone throughout our culture today. Presidential candidates morbidly argue about bans on aborting children after their fifteenth week of life, as if that arbitrary line imparts value or humanity!

Their way of thinking would allow 99% of abortions to continue, yet they call themselves pro-life!

In Ohio, a majority of voters view the act of abortion as a simple human right. Yet even learned biologists like James Sherley, PhD, know the truth. In a *LifeNews* article entitled "Biologist Confirms Human Embryos Are Human Beings, Not 'Blobs of Cells,'" Dr. Sherley recently wrote:

Science reporters are calling human beings "blobs." Not blobs as in the classic science fiction movie that wreaked havoc and death on unwitting victims. No, they are back to labeling innocent embryo-age human beings as mere "blobs of cells." This Orwellian tactic deceives the public into believing that nascent human beings, rather than the unethical scientists experimenting on them, are blobs of cells.

Dehumanizing embryonic children has taught citizens that aborting a child is just another decision. After all, they say, this is a free country and opting to abort is a choice.

This dumbing down in America's twilight zone has numbed too many to the dubious marketing campaign that says human beings are no longer equal and facets of scientific fact are no longer true. When that happens, people die.

Monsignor Richard Antall points this out in a recent article entitled "We Live Among Barbarians," published by *Crisis Magazine*, when he says, "A society that enacts an unjust law is unjust. God will punish us for that injustice."

There is murder in the twilight zone—in this unjust nation where too many have accepted those who earn a living taking lives and calling it freedom of choice.

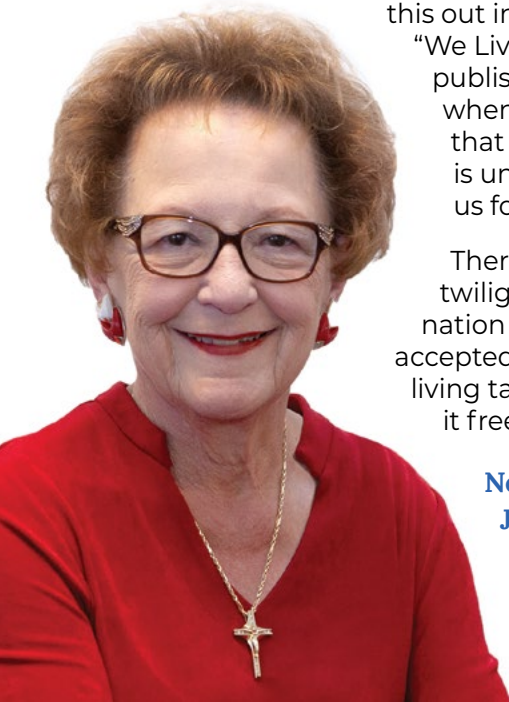
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QUESTION & ANSWER

Why should pro-life parents attend school board meetings and speak out about the insidious threat that Planned Parenthood poses to their children?

The best response to this question comes from a supporter who recently converted to the Catholic faith. Miss Ayers wrote about this very topic, saying:

I understand how dangerous Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry are to women, children, and families. I also understand in my professional career and through my own personal experiences just how important it is that parents and families are involved and aware of what is going on in their children's schools. Several districts have ignored or flouted state law on sex education regulations and kept parents in the dark about it. There are also several districts that have health centers on campus for students that may be potentially providing artificial contraception and/or abortion counseling or referrals to students without parents knowing. I am concerned based on the affiliations these organizations have with pro-abortion and pro-gender-transition-of-children entities. I am also concerned due to how vague the websites are about the exact services provided and to what extent parents are involved. I want to help raise awareness and make sure parents know what is going on and hopefully encourage people to speak out.



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