

Judie Brown's

ALL NEWSNEWS AND VIEWS FROM
AMERICAN LIFE LEAGUE**ALL Speakers Encourage
and Inform Pro-Lifers of All Ages**

By Katie Brown Xavios, National Director, American Life League

This fall, ALL speakers opened hearts and minds to the sanctity of human life.

Hugh Brown, ALL's executive vice president, traveled to speak at the annual Connecticut Right to Life conference. Hugh shared key findings from our latest reports on Planned Parenthood's CEOs, facilities, and income in pro-life states and gave an update on the progress of the pro-life movement after *Roe v. Wade*.

"As a football coach, I encouraged the audience to be on the offense when it comes to life!" Hugh said. "We must show up with a winning mentality to save moms and babies."

ALL's national director, Katie Brown Xavios, also spoke at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School in Virginia. She discussed the "hard cases" and debunked many justifications for abortion.

Katie explained, "For many of the students, it was the first time they heard a talk on abortion and why even exceptions are wrong, and

they received it so well! These students' questions did not seek more facts about when life begins but practical ways they could make a difference in their homes and communities."

ALL speakers frequently address pro-life groups, schools, churches, and other audiences, often through news programs,

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**2025 Ends in More
Violence against Those
Who Stand for Truth**

A retired South Carolina lawyer faces four counts of making threats with a hoax device after brandishing a hand grenade, later found to be deactivated, at pro-life witnesses.

The incident occurred in early November outside an Episcopalian church where members of Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust were demonstrating against the church's leadership for allegedly supporting a state abortion fund. Video footage captured the 79-year-old man exiting the building, approaching the group, and pulling the grenade from his pocket. He was detained by police and later released on bond.

This episode is just one of many this year that underscores a stark irony: Abortion supporters often accuse pro-lifers of "violent rhetoric," while resorting to literal threats against peaceful advocates. Those defending the preborn in public must stay vigilant and prepared to endure persecution as Christ did.

From Our Supporters

Jean has had a great deal of health concerns in her family, but she reminded us that prayer heals everything, including the broken heart of a loved one caring for someone in her family who suffers from pain and anguish.

William encouraged us to be persistent in our fight for the babies, especially in this age of multiple ways to kill the innocent. He loves American Life League and is a loyal defender of life who never misses an opportunity to witness to the truth that every life is precious.

Joseph has been battling Planned Parenthood in his community for many years. He is a faithful silent witness to the babies every Saturday as he stands and prays the rosary on the sidewalk of his local Planned Parenthood.

Anita asked for our prayers for her family, especially the children who are constantly being bombarded with anti-life messages by their schoolmates and teachers. She said that praying with them and saying the family rosary helps each one deal with the bad things they see every day at school.

“Illness and other temporal setbacks ... are sent to help us ... reflect on the brevity of life and, thus, to prepare ourselves for the life which is without end.”

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Celebrating Six Years of the Marian Blue Wave

By Katie Brown Xavios, National Director, ALL

Since our last update, the Marian Blue Wave program turned six years old. I'd like to share some of the miraculous victories we have seen since the program began.

In October 2019, we launched the Marian Blue Wave, the world's first and only global rosary campaign dedicated to praying specifically for an end to ALL abortion! This was Jim Sedlak's creation, and it has now become his legacy. Since then, more than 10,000 prayer partners from all 50 states and more than 31 countries have pledged to join us!

Here are some of our greatest victories from the last six years:

- MBW prayer partners have prayed **3.5 MILLION rosaries**.
- **140 Planned Parenthood facilities (and counting!) have CLOSED.**
- For an entire month in 2020, we prayed specifically that the MEGA PP facility in Texas would close. **This was the largest Planned Parenthood facility in the world, and today, it is closed for GOOD!**

These are huge victories, and only God knows the number of babies who have been saved and the lives that have been changed simply due to persistence and faith.

These victories are all thanks to our wonderful prayer partners whose dedication to the babies and to our Blessed Mother's intercession carry us forward!

People ask me all the time how they can get involved and what they can do to help. This is my answer: Through prayer, action, and education, we can build a culture of life!



Pray for an end to abortion

MARIAN BLUE WAVE

MarianBlueWave.com

Reaching the Next Generation with CLSP's Annual Essay Contest

By Susan Ciancio, Director, Culture of Life Studies Program

Nearly 500 students from across the country submitted essays for our annual Pro-Life Essay Contest. Numerous articles, radio shows, and even parish bulletins featured our contest in the hopes of inspiring students, parents, and teachers. This year, the contest was cosponsored by the Institute for Excellence in Writing, Contend Projects, and Team Iron Will and was open to all kids in 3rd–12th grade. Staff members are currently in the judging phase of the contest, and winners will be announced in mid-December.

The contest is an inspirational way to end a year that included a new Lent reflection booklet, a lesson booklet on St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and countless teaching moments with the next generation. If your child or student missed the contest this year, be sure to check prolifeessay.com next fall!

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radio interviews, and articles. We never charge a speaker fee and ask only for travel costs to be covered. Call our office at 540-659-4171 or contact Katie Brown Xavios at kxavios@all.org to learn more.

STOPP Research Reaches Congress and a Global Audience

By Katie Brown Xavios, National Director, American Life League

Our Stop Planned Parenthood International (STOPP) program has led the fight against the abortion giant for nearly 40 years, and 2025 was no different. This year alone, STOPP released three groundbreaking reports on Planned Parenthood and even inspired congressional efforts to defund the organization.

STOPP began the year by releasing the *2025 Report on Planned Parenthood CEO Compensation*. The report revealed that PP's CEO incomes had skyrocketed, with their highest-paid CEO receiving nearly \$1 million annually. This report inspired congressional defunding efforts, spearheaded by Congressman Andy Biggs. In an official letter to DOGE, signed by other pro-life members of Congress, Biggs cited STOPP's research and called for an investigation into the so-called "nonprofit's" exorbitant funding. In July, these efforts led to the federal defunding of Planned Parenthood for a single year.

Following the success of the CEO report, STOPP released the *2025 Planned Parenthood Facilities Report*. It showed that despite a decrease in physical facility locations, PP is committing more abortions than ever before. This report exposed its ferocious online efforts to dispense the abortion pill and expand its virtual reach.

Wrapping up reports for the year, STOPP investigated Planned Parenthood's record-high income. It found that the abortion giant makes just as much money in "pro-life" states as it does in states where abortion is legal. This report gained the attention of Catholic TV network EWTN, which hosted ALL's national director twice to report on STOPP's findings for its global audience.

Our mighty STOPP program had a record year in 2025. With your support and prayers, we will shutter Planned Parenthood for good!



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 pray for these courageous bishops and reach out to them with gratitude. Visit USCCB.org/find-a-bishop-and-diocese for contact information.



Archbishop Timothy Broglio

(Archbishop for the Military Services) wrote in a statement about the VA's termination of abortion "services": "I am deeply grateful to VA Secretary

Doug Collins and President Trump for returning to the prior policy that prohibits the use of federal funds to end the life of the preborn in the womb. It is only fitting that an agency established to care for those who so often put their lives on the line to defend the innocent is freed from participation in procedures that do not support innocent life."



Bishop Michael Burbidge

(Arlington, Virginia) was quoted by Catholic News Agency in response to Senator Durbin declining a Catholic award. He stated, "The Church must

continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Life in its entirety. Our public witness to the Gospel, to convincingly move hearts and minds to conversion, will always require that the Church show the hierarchy and unity of all truths."



Bishop James Conley

(Lincoln, Nebraska) said in a homily for a Respect Life Mass, "Each of us is a unique messenger of God and His creative love, simply by our

presence in this world. We each bring God to our neighbor and possess an immeasurable value, not only those who are chronologically children, but every human being regardless of their level of dependence or ability. ... Every person is a child and every child is a precious gem of incalculable worth. Accepting a new life into one's family, and accepting the lives of every brother and sister in the human family, honors God, the author of every human soul."

Are your charitable donations supporting abortion? Before making your end-of-year donations, read our updated **Charity Watchlist** report to see how your favorite charities use your money. Find it at all.org/charity-watchlist.

The Way of Love

By Judie Brown, President, American Life League

We relish these days between Thanksgiving and the New Year. They are special for those of us who have families, especially relatives we might only see once a year. But they are also days to reflect on the family no longer with us in life but ever present in memory.

For me, the topmost person I think about is my beloved husband, Paul. But I also remember his brothers, our parents, and many of our closest friends who have gone ahead to see the Lord, receive His judgment, and bask in His mercy. That is the way of love. It is the uneven path we tread and the life we live now. It is never easy and never free of pain, but it should always be directed to the glorious.

Saint Ignatius, whose spiritual retreat exercises are still part of my life, wrote within the pages of *The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola*, "We ought to use and appreciate these gifts from God insofar as they help us toward our goal of loving service and union with God. But insofar as any created things hinder our progress towards our goal, we ought to let them go."

These words are the antithesis of what this season is all about in our material world, but in a very real sense, they are the most beautiful words one could absorb, especially during this season. No matter who we are or what we have, all is transcendent if we place our lives in His hands and do so every day.

We honor God by loving others and by adoring Him. Our gratitude for the gifts He has showered upon us helps us truly celebrate the season in a very real and heartfelt way.

The old saying "Jesus is the reason for the season" is the inspirational truth. So let us reflect on these words, share them, and embrace the way of love that is open to those who love Him first, foremost, and always.

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



QUESTION & ANSWER

Are American Catholic bishops effective shepherds?

The best people to respond to this question are Catholic priests. As reported in *Catholic Culture*, a recent National Study of Catholic Priests found that only 52% of priests said that they trust their bishop. To make matters worse, only 27% of priests said they "trusted the American hierarchy in general."

We believe this has come about for one simple reason—a lack of community. Pope Benedict XVI once said the following regarding Saint Ignatius of Antioch's view of bishops and their people: "The insistence on communion among believers and of believers with their pastors was constantly reformulated in eloquent images and analogies: the harp, strings, intonation, the concert, the symphony. The special responsibility of bishops, priests and deacons in building the community is clear."

When an ordained Catholic pastor, bishop, or cardinal distances himself from building that community, the people are left adrift. Saint Ignatius, himself a bishop and a martyr, wrote in a letter to the Trallians, "Love one another with an undivided heart. Let my spirit be sanctified by yours, not only now, but also when I shall attain to God. ... In [Jesus Christ] may you be found unblemished."

May every Catholic bishop strive to live those saintly words in his role as pastor and shepherd.

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