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Successful Pressure on Late-Term Abortionist Carhart

Operation Rescue (OR) has instituted a new tactic to shut down LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion facility in Bethesda. On June 5, it posted an article on its website asking its supporters to contact Biomedical Waste Services, Inc., and ask the company to end its services to Maryland abortion facilities for the disposal of human aborted fetal remains. The supporters did, and by early afternoon the company notified Carhart's wife that it was terminating services effective immediately. The company, which was the sole provider of medical waste disposal for all thirteen surgical abortion facilities in Maryland, also terminated its contracts with the other surgical abortion businesses.

Carhart soon contracted with Biomedical Recovery Systems (BRS) for the pickup and disposal of the bodies of aborted babies. OR again notified its supporters, who contacted the second company and had the same successful result. On June 23, BRS sent a letter to Carhart's facility terminating services immediately. For more information, go to www.operationrescue.org.

Next Step in Ridding Carhart from Bethesda

Carhart's abortion facility shares space in a medical building at the Wildwood Shopping Center in Bethesda with some 40 other tenants, mainly dentists and orthodontists who treat a large number of children. It is believed that many have lost business because of Carhart's presence and would like to see him out of the building. *Operation Rescue* is asking people to contact Tripp Aubinoe, president of Aubinoe Management Company which owns the building, and ask him to cancel Carhart's lease. He can be reached at ala@ala-inc.com or 301-986-9070. For more information, go to <https://www.operationrescue.org/archives/ask-carharts-landlord-to-terminate-lease-with-grisly-bethesda-abortion-business/>.

Praying outside of Carhart's facility is a year-round effort. One group assembles every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, while a second gathers for prayer on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM and on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Jill Perry at 301-924-3838, x204 or 240-907-9653, or Missy Smith at 202-288-4984. For continuing updates, check PrayforBethesda.com.

Pro-Life Banners in Frederick

Three member of *St. Katherine Drexel Council 14011* participated in the first-ever National Pro Life Bridges Day, on June 22. They hung two banners with the saying "Abortion takes a human life" over the bridge (one on each side) on the Park Mills Road overpass on I-270, in Frederick. This was one of 50 sites, and the only one in Maryland, where banners were hung during the morning and evening rush hours to be seen by perhaps a million commuters nationwide. It was estimated that about 5,000 cars passed under the Frederick banners each hour, with 15 to 20% of the drivers waving or honking. The *Pro-Life Action League* in Chicago organized the national event and provided each local leader with a memo from the Thomas More Society which put forth the legal basis for this freedom of speech project. When a policeman, who was investigate a complaint about the banners, came by, he told the Frederick team to "carry on." For more information, go to prolifeaction.org.



Defend Life's Face the Truth Tour

For the 18th consecutive year, *Defend Life* is organizing its Face the Truth Tour, in which a team of students and adults will visit 14 heavily travelled sites in Maryland, as well as The White House, to display signs showing the grisly results of abortion. The group will make three 90-minute stops each day from July 23 through the 27. Mass will be celebrated each morning and there will be luncheon speakers each day, including Dr. Lawrence Grayson, Sen. Patricia Rucker, Dr. Monica Miller, Bob Marshall, Moira Sheridan, and Dr. Day Gardner. For more information or to participate in one or more days of the tour, contact Therese Rodriguez at 301-512-7451 or Therese@DefendLife.org.

Birthright's Improved Focus

Several months ago, *Birthright* moved from Silver Spring to Olney to better serve clients in upper Montgomery County. As it is now within reasonable commuting distance of 24 high schools, it has enhanced its focus to better serve students, and revamped its website to reflect this direction. To see the student emphasis, go to <http://birthrightmc.org> and click on "In School."

KofC Ultrasound Program

On June 21, the *Knights of Columbus* donated a state-of-the-art 3D/4D ultrasound machine to the *Columbia Pregnancy Center* (CPC) in Howard County. *St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council 10525* raised half of the \$36,700 cost, while the Supreme Council matched the funds. About 20 people representing the local council, state council, and the care center were present for the presentation. This was the 21st ultrasound machine the Knights have donated to pregnancy care centers in Maryland.

The program needs funds to meet requests from several additional pregnancy care centers.. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Program. Can your council do the same? For more information or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net.



State Deputy Steve Cohen and CPC Exec. Dir. Nancy Vawter

Pro-Life Mass

St. Peter the Apostle Council 13290 is holding a Pro-Life Mass at 7 PM on Monday, July 9th, in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown. Fr. Chuck Wible will be the celebrant, with the Rosary to follow. For more information, contact John Miller at 240-446-8624. Action without prayers will not be effective. Will your council or church host a pro-life Mass? The State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need help, let us know of your activity. For more information, contact Roger Donnelly at rd5472@verizon.net.

Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of July 1, there is no Cemetery of the Innocents standing in Maryland. Will your church host one? For more information or to schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2018 – 3 Since 2004 – 322

“Never, never does killing a person resolve a problem. Never.” – Pope Francis

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