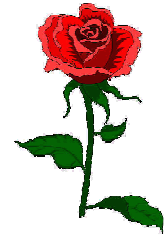




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Carhart Now in Bethesda

LeRoy Carhart established a new clinic in Bethesda, and the pro-life response was immediate. The day he planned to open, October 17, more than 100 individuals and representatives from several pro-life organizations gathered at noon to protest his presence. Sidewalk counselors were in the area. The rally included prayers led by a Presbyterian pastor and a Catholic priest. That evening, a candlelight prayer vigil was held with prayers by a Baptist pastor. Operation Rescue previously had filed protests with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Board of Physicians. The abortionist, in turn, canceled all appointments for the week. The clinic opened on October 24, but with another abortionist substituting for him. Prayer vigils are scheduled for every Sunday at noon, Monday 9-11 AM, Tuesday and through Wednesday at 8 AM, and candlelight vigils on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM. For more detail, go to osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Article/TabId/535/ArtMID/13567/ArticleID/23483/The-abortionist-and-the-pro-lifers-Round-two.aspx

Life Chains Across Maryland

On October 1, Charles County Right to Life sponsored Life Chains at two locations: the annual one on Rt. 6 in La Plata, and a new one on Rt. 231 in Benedict. In La Plata, 52 people (including Fathers Larry Swink and Sam Plummer from Sacred Heart Parish) participated; signs stretched from the County Courthouse to Rt. 301. In Benedict, there were 12 attendees, including Father Kevin Cusick of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Additional Life Chains in Maryland were held in Cambridge, Emmitsburg, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Hancock, Jarrettsville, Lexington Park – see photo above, Taneytown, Thurmont, and Westminster.



40 Days for Life in College Park

Tom Trunk, coordinator for 40 Days for Life in College Park, scheduled a living rosary for October 1, in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning abortion clinic. Bill McMahon and members of Patuxent Council 2203 brought a 100-foot long rosary, with two dozen or so people participating in the prayers. Bill will be glad to make the rosary available to other groups who wish to have a public recitation.

Abortionists Allowed to Continue

Remember James Scott Pendergraft IV, whose license to practice medicine in Maryland expired in 1999 and was never renewed, but still performed third-trimester abortions at an undisclosed, unlicensed clinic in Forestville? The Maryland Board of Physicians closed the clinic, operated in the name of another abortionist, in December 2013. Pendergraft has had his medical license suspended – but never revoked -- five times in Florida (where he still operates four abortion clinics), agreed not to practice medicine in North Carolina for violating state laws, and was arrested in South Carolina, where he does not have a medical

license, for conducting in-home abortions out-of-the-trunk of his car. He was convicted of possessing and dispensing drugs illegally, fined, given five years of probation, and prohibited from ever obtaining a medical license in South Carolina. Amazingly, he was not punished for performing illegal abortions. For more information, go to operationrescue.org/archives/illegal-abortionist-pendergraft-pleads-guilty-sentenced-to-5-years-probation-on-drug-offenses.

Archbishop Lori Blessed Mary's Home Maryland

On October 11, 2017, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori blessed Mary's Home Maryland, the new Catholic maternity home in Howard County. This pro-life ministry provides a safe home environment for at-risk expectant mothers, and their children throughout their pregnancy and afterward. Each mother receives counseling, as well as parenting and daily living skills, and is provided pre-natal, infant health and health care for all of their children. With structure and guidance, mothers aim to achieve independent living, with a healthy and sustainable future. For more information, go to maryshomemaryland.org or write kroche@maryshomemartland.org.



Upcoming Events

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, will speak five times in Maryland: on November 9 at 7:30 PM at Mother Seaton Catholic Church in Germantown; on November 10, at St. Michael's Poplar Springs Catholic Church (10 AM) in Mt. Airy, Our Lady's Center Chapel and Bookstore (1 PM) in Ellicott City, and New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Abington (7:30 PM); and on November 11, Christ the King Catholic Church (10 AM) in Towson. For more information, go to defendlife.org/docs/frpavone11092017.pdf.

The 2nd annual Southern Maryland Pro-Life Symposium is scheduled for November 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret. The event is organized by The Holy Family Respect Life Committee, which includes representatives from the Catholic parishes throughout Charles County. This year's conference features speakers Josh Brahm, president of *The Equal Rights Institute*, and David Bereit, former CEO of *40 Days for Life*, who will be joined by Michele Hendrickson from Students for Life of America and Heather Sells, CEO of the Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Care Center, in a panel-audience discussion. For more information, go to smdpro-life.com.

Prayers Needed

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 Mike Furst at mfurst1@yahoo.com.

Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of November 1, there are five Cemeteries of the Innocents standing -- St. John's in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park (St. Mary's County), Holy Ghost in Issue (Charles County), Jesus of the Divine Word in Huntington (Calvert County), and Immanuel Lutheran in Easton (Talbot County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2017 – 12 Since 2004 – 319

“Don't lose heart. Today's defeat is training for the final victory.” – St. Josemaria Escriva

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