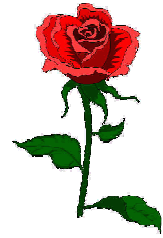




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An Abortion Reversed, A Life Saved

It was a hot summer day in 2017, when a young couple called Centro Tepeyac, the pregnancy care center in Silver Spring. The 16-year-old girl was pregnant, had just taken an abortion pill, and now they regretted it. She asked, “Can you help me?” She was told, “Yes”, but come in immediately. The couple did. The girl was given a test to verify a viable pregnancy, and then taken to MetroStork Bus, the center’s mobile clinic, where she was given a sonogram. The baby was about 9 weeks old, had a heartbeat and was moving. But the abortion pill could cause the baby to die in the next couple of days. The girl was put on a three-times-a-day progesterone regimen, while the clinic staff prayed and fasted. Three days later, the girl returned and a second sonogram showed that the baby had a heartbeat, was moving and growing. On February 23, the couple had a healthy baby boy. God is awesome! And there was great work by the staff.

Why Praying at Abortion Clinics is Important

Isabella was born was born in January. Her mother was one of the last women to have an appointment at Carhart’s Germantown clinic, but decided not to abort her child. Her mother reminds us why it is important to pray outside of abortion clinics. She recently wrote:

“It is sad that you’re not able to talk to those people (outside Bethesda clinic), because I’m sure most of them don’t want to do it. And I know some of them will change their mind or at least think about it before going in there. Now that I see Isabella, I can’t imagine what I was thinking. Thank God that I met you and that I stopped to listen to your kind words. You gave me hope.”



With regard to Carhart, Maryland Right to Life reports that a few weeks ago it “received an ‘URGENT’ email from a large national pro-abortion group asking their entire database to help raise \$20,000 to support Maryland’s most notorious late-term abortionist. An abortionist who does not even live in our state but who flies in for a few days at a time to kill late-term babies. [sic]” MDRTL is seeking donations “to help us move life-saving legislation forward during this session of the General Assembly.” For more information, go to www.mdrtl.org or call 410-269-6397.

40 Days for Life

The current 40 Days for Life campaign runs through March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation), with prayer vigils in 354 communities across the United States and 24 other countries. Since these prayer campaigns began in 2007, over 14,000 children have been given life, 90 abortion facilities have closed and 170 abortion workers have quit their jobs. In the first two weeks of this campaign, which began on February 14, 103 children have been saved. Can you help? For more information, go to 40DaysforLife.com. Four campaigns are scheduled in Maryland:

Baltimore – Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local coordinator: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com). The campaign theme is “Being a Light to the Community.”

Bethesda – Carhart’s AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; vigil hours – 7 am to 7 pm daily; local coordinator: Jill Perry (301-924-3838, x-204, socialconcerns@mothersetonparish.org).

College Park – Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park; local coordinator: Tom Trunk (301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com). Friday, **March 2**, Silent Hour of Prayer, 8:00 pm, St. Joseph's Church, Beltsville; Saturday, **March 3**, Prayer to Convert Hearts, 10:00 am to 11:00 am, at vigil site; Sunday, **March 4**, Jericho Walk, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at vigil site; Thursday, **March 8**, Candlelight Vigil, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at vigil site; Saturday, **March 10**, Prayers and Petitions for Life, 7:30pm to 10:00 pm, led by Minister Allison Johnson of First Baptist Church of Glenarden, at vigil site; Sunday, **March 14**, Vesper Services, 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, at vigil site; Sunday, **March 18**, Living Rosary, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, led by Patuxent Council 2203, Knights of Columbus, at vigil site; Wednesday, **March 21**, Metro Rail Outreach, north side of New Carrollton metro station, 7:15 am to 8:30 am; Palm Sunday, **March 25**, Closing, at vigil site, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, led by Fr. Mel Ayala, pastor of St. Nicholas Church.

Fullerton – Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore; vigil hours – 7 am to 7 pm daily; local coordinator: Tina Baumann (443-695-0103, tinab220@yahoo.com). Youth Rally, **March 3**, 1-3 pm, at Belair Beltway Plaza.

Make Dismemberment Abortions Illegal in Maryland

The Maryland General Assembly will soon consider the *Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act of 2018*, which prohibits, except under certain circumstances, dismemberment abortions. The bill was introduced into the House of Delegates as HB 1355 and into the Senate as SB 1067. A House hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 9th.

To learn more about HB1355 (SB1067) and other life-protecting bills being introduced during this year's Maryland General Assembly, and to send a message to your state representatives to pass HB 1355/SB 1067, go to www.mdrtl.org/legislation.html.

Maryland March for Life, March 12

The Maryland March for Life is scheduled for Monday, March 12, in Annapolis. At 4:30 pm, there will be a youth rally at St. Mary's School (111 Duke of Gloucester Street). At 5:15 pm, Mass will be celebrated in the church, while a non-denominational worship service will be held nearby. The march to Lawyer's Square will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a rally, during which state representatives who are pro-life will be introduced. Roland Warren, CEO of Care Net, will be the main speaker at the rally. The evening will conclude with a mixer and free Chick-fil-A dinner at St. Mary's School. For more details, go to www.mdmarchforlife.com/march.

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 March 1, there are three Cemeteries of the Innocents standing -- St. Mary's in Newport (Charles County), St George in Valley Lee (St Mary's County), and St Peter's in Libertytown (Frederick County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2018 – 1 Since 2004 – 321

“If ever we needed God's help, it is now” – Billy Graham

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