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## Carhart: 17 Emergencies and Counting

Since opening his abortion facility in Bethesda last October, LeRoy Carhart has had only one medical emergency from an abortion – Thank God! Over the last five years, however, he has sent 17 women to local hospitals for emergency care. On May 4, at his Bellevue, Nebraska, clinic, he sent his sixth patient at that site to a hospital. When he operated in Germantown, there were ten women who needed emergency help, including Jennifer Morbelli, a 29-year old school teacher, who died from abortion complications. How many more women will have to suffer from this “safe” procedure? See [www.operationrescue.org/archives/butcher-of-bellevue-strikes-again-but-this-time-public-recording-of-the-abortion-emergency-is-blank/](http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/butcher-of-bellevue-strikes-again-but-this-time-public-recording-of-the-abortion-emergency-is-blank/)

Carhart may be training a new abortionist in Bellevue. When the May emergency occurred, Air Force Major Shana Melody Miles was present, but trying to remain incognito. Miles, a 2012 graduate of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, currently serves as an Ob/Gyn at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha.

Praying outside of LeRoy Carhart’s abortion facility in the Medical Building at the Wildwood Shopping Center in Bethesda is a year-round effort, regardless of the weather. A group assembles every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. There also is a group gathering 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](http://PrayforBethesda.com).

## One Woman’s Story

Last November, a woman phoned the Birthright Helpline, in Olney. She was the mother of a five-year old, working full-time, in school part-time to complete a graduate degree, 6 weeks pregnant and was feeling pressure from the father of her child to terminate the pregnancy. She was troubled and conflicted, and could not understand how the man she was in a relationship with could ask her to abort their child. With continuing conversations, support and encouragement, she decided to have her child. As the months past, she changed her outlook, and has become increasingly excited. She feels her baby boy kicking, has moved to a new apartment, is completing her end of year finals, hopes to launch a small business this summer, and the relationship with the father has improved – he now supports the upcoming birth. This incident typifies what Birthright -- and all pregnancy support centers – does: assist women who are at a crossroads, help them navigate their life circumstances, keep their children, and create a better future.

## The Abortion Battle Lines in Maryland

Last year, 34,290 abortions were conducted in Maryland, giving it the fifth highest abortion rate (per 1,000 women aged 15-44) in the nation. Further, the state laws are so permissive that they allow a child to be killed in the womb to the moment before birth. These deaths occur at 16 facilities operated by independent abortionists, five Planned Parenthood sites and at several hospitals. In addition, Planned Parenthood has four centers that refer women for abortions, most likely to other Planned Parenthood sites. Most of the abortionists are located along the Baltimore-Washington, DC axis.

The efforts to convince abortion-minded women to choose life primarily occur at pregnancy care centers, especially at those centers that provide ultrasounds (also called sonograms) to show the expectant woman her own child in the womb. At present, there are 42 of the care centers in the state, 29 of which offer ultrasounds. The other centers provide counseling and material aid. There is at least one care center located

in Baltimore City and in 19 of the 23 counties in the state. Only Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Somerset counties do not have care centers; they have small populations and do not have abortionists operating within their jurisdictions. Of the 42 pregnancy care centers, 22 are known to operate according to Christian principles, 5 of which are Catholic.

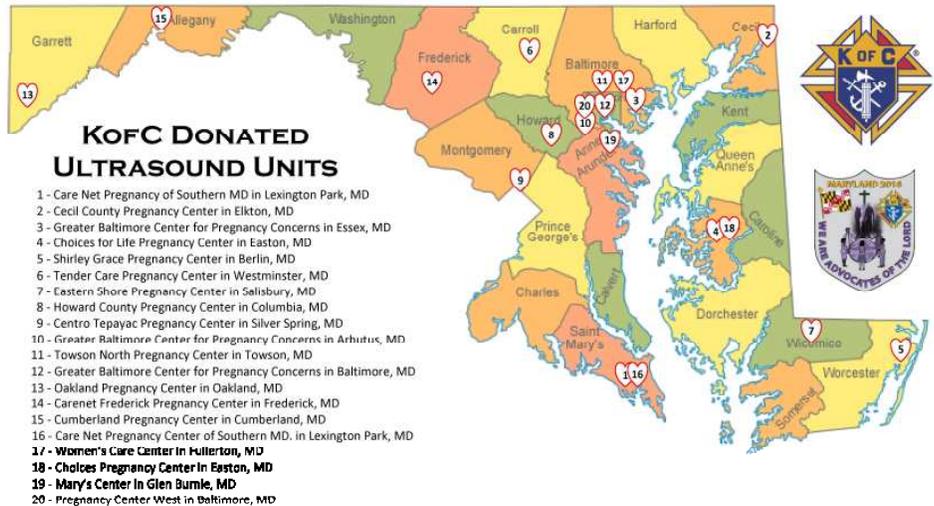
## KofC Ultrasound Program

The Knights of Columbus is the largest donor of ultrasound machines in the nation. To date, the Knights of Columbus, under its ultrasound program, has donated about 900 ultrasound machines to centers in all 50 states and Canada.

In Maryland, the State Council has donated 20 machines to pregnancy care centers throughout the state and two more applications have been approved by the Supreme Council. A presentation to the Columbia Pregnancy Center in

Howard County, for which St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council 10525 raised the state matching funds, has been scheduled for June 21. The other presentation date is still to be determined.

For each machine, the State Council contributes about \$25,000 that is matched by funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters. The program needs funds. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Project. Can your council do the same? For more information or to make a donation, contact PSD Richard Siejack at [RVSiejack@aol.com](mailto:RVSiejack@aol.com).



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## 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](mailto:mfurst1@yahoo.com).

## Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of May 1, there is one Cemetery of the Innocents standing at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park (St. Mary's County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at [jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com).



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

*“God from all Eternity chose you to be where you are, at this time in history, to change the world” – Mother Angelica*

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