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Religious Leaders Stand Up Enthusiastically for Life 40th Anniversary of Roe Energizes Pro-Life Movement

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Hymns, Scripture readings, and inspirational sermons echoed in historic Constitution Hall on the morning of January 25th in memory of the 55 million pre-born babies killed by abortion during the past 40 years.

Eighty two Bishops, Pastors, and Clergy representing dozens of different denominations participated in the 19th Annual Memorial for the Pre-Born. Twenty five choir members raised their voices filling the hall with spirit filled songs and hymns.

The event was attended by more than a thousand pro-life marchers from every corner of America. They represented every denomination, race, ethnicity, and color. And in spite of the political setbacks in the November elections their spirit was not dampened. They were energized and displayed a new level of commitment and

determination. They were filled with a willingness to get to work and restore legal protection for all innocent human life.

In his sermon Fr. Frank Pavone, President of the National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC), brought the crowd to its feet when he told the attendees that the fundamental responsibility of government is to protect life saying, "We must recall the government to its fundamental role: to protect the rights God has given us, not to be God over us. We must recall public servants to their fundamental duties. We need public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public. And if they don't, they do not belong in public office."

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Bulletin Inserts

April 7 – Although embryonic stem cells may receive the majority of media attention, the reality is that adult stem cells have moved far ahead in providing patient benefits. The morally unobjectionable adult stem cells have benefitted patients with damaged hearts, grown new windpipes to replace those damaged by disease, and supplied patients with blood transfusions grown from their own stem cells. David Prentice, Ph.D. NRL Online, 12/05/12

April 14 – On the 40th birthday of his son with Down Syndrome, columnist George Will wrote a column on the positive influence such a child has on all those he touches. He notes that his son was born at a time when prenatal genetic testing for Down Syndrome was just becoming common and shortly before abortion was made legal, unleashing a search and control mission directed at defenseless children. Now abortion destroys 90% of those diagnosed with Down Syndrome, resulting in the loss of a significant number of kind, loving people.

April 21 – “It is a sad day in America when the president of the United States endorses sex-selection abortion by opposing the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act. . . Sex-selection abortion is cruel, it’s discriminatory and it’s legal. It is violence against women. Most people in government are unaware that it is part of a deliberate plan of population control. This is the real war on women.” Rep Chris Smith of New Jersey

April 28 – “The scientific and medical evidence is clear. Technology, imaging, and clinical neonatology enable us to know much more about fetal life than ever before. We now understand the fetus to be a developing, moving, interacting member of the human family who feels pain as we do,” Dr. Colleen Malloy in testimony before a House hearing on banning abortions in D.C. after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain.

May 5 – “Almost every Chinese family has been impacted in some way by the loss of a loved one because of the one-child-per-family policy. Virtually everyone in China is missing a son or a daughter, or a brother or a sister because some Communist Party [official] found out that their wife or mother was pregnant with an “illegal” second or third child, arrested them for the “crime” of being pregnant, and took them against their will for an abortion.” Steven Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute

May 12 – On Mother’s Day, the following observation is most relevant: “Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance.” Who knows this better than a mother?

May 19 – Virginia’s passage last year of a law requiring an ultrasound before an abortion procedure produced a torrent of angry protest from pro-abortion forces, alleging among other things that the law was part of a “war on women.” In fact, ultrasound is an essential part of informed consent beneficial to both mother and child. Perhaps abortion supporters are angry that once a woman sees her unborn child on ultrasound she is less willing or unwilling to abort it. NRL News, Spring, 2012

May 26 – Loss has a horrible way of making you realize what truly matters, bringing all of the peripheral frustrations and agonies of life into stark perspective. It pulls you up short and reminds you that time is fleeting and life is precious. . .” Joleigh Little, Wisconsin RTL, reflecting on the loss of a pro-life colleague.

June 2 – “Unborn children who have developed far past the point of experiencing excruciating pain are being killed in the most brutal fashion imaginable in the District of Columbia, a jurisdiction in which there are currently no limits on abortion any moment up to

birth.” Dave Andrusko, editorial in NRL News, Spring, 2023

June 9 – “God seems to send us children with disabilities to help us grow, to remind us that every soul is of greater importance than its frail body, and to teach us how man’s highest calling is found in his God-like possibility of sharing unconditional love.” Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, The Southern Cross, October, 2012

June 16 – “One thing I’ve learned over the years as somebody who treats people in a coma and tries to save them is there’s something very important about human contact with the people that bring meaning to your life, your loved ones.” Dr. Steven Mayer, a neurosurgeon from Columbia University in Life News, 12/26/12

June 23 – At the heart of the Culture of Death is the philosophy of utilitarianism which holds that passions and desires are more important than reason; anything, therefore, that brings the greatest amount of pleasure and the least amount of pain to the majority of people is morally right and good. The minority is victimized and people are no longer valued because of their dignity, but for their usefulness to the majority. George Weigel, Florida Catholic, May 14-17, 2012

June 30 – Many people are unaware of the fact that tax dollars are given to an organization that kills unborn babies. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is the largest abortion provider in the country and roughly 40% of its one million dollar budget comes from federal, state and local health service grants and reimbursements. Carol Tobias in NRL News, Spring, 2012

Suggested Prayers

April 7 – For those suffering the after-effects of abortion, that they may learn to rely on God’s mercy, we pray

April 14 – For all shepherds of religious congregations, that they may support, in word and deed, the right to life, we pray

April 21 – That all work to ensure that every life is valued as a light in the darkness of the Culture of Death, we pray

April 28 – For the strength to reach out in love to women experiencing an untimely pregnancy, we pray

May 5 – For those employed in the abortion industry, that they may find peace by abandoning the destruction of the unborn, we pray

May 12 – For pro-lifers who pray outside abortion clinics that they may have a positive impact, we pray

May 19 – That pro-life people may turn to the Holy Spirit when speaking out for unborn children, we pray

May 26 – That all Americans may come to see the truth that every life is a gift from God, we pray

June 2 – For all who hold political power, that they may use their power to protect the dependent and defenseless, we pray

June 9 – For the conversion of those who support abortion, we pray

June 16 – For all those who devote their lives to taking care of the disabled or the elderly, we pray

June 23 – For those who work in post-abortion ministries that they may lead hurting women to healing, we pray

June 30 – That someday life will be the choice given to all unborn babies, we pray

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) Rejects Most Recent Health Care Mandate Proposal



Irondale, AL – In a February 1st press release, EWTN CEO Michael Warsaw stated, “This morning the US Department of Health and Human Services issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on the government mandate that employee health plans must provide contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs as part of their coverage. On February 9, 2012,

EWTN was the first organization to file a lawsuit challenging this mandate shortly after the original rules were promulgated by the government. That lawsuit is still pending in the US District Court in Birmingham, Alabama.

We have analyzed today’s notice with our legal team from the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and the initial conclusions are

not promising. First, this is simply a notice of a proposed rule; it is not an actual rule that changes anything. Second, while the proposed rules might expand the mandate’s religious exemption for some organizations affiliated directly with the Church, it does not appear that EWTN will qualify for this exemption. Third, the proposed rules have not dealt with the concerns of self-insured health plans like EWTN’s. Today’s notice from the government simply kicks this can further down the road.

Sadly, throughout this proposed rule, the government continues to make the erroneous assertion that contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs are health care. They are not.

We will continue to study this notice with our attorneys, but are highly doubtful it will provide EWTN with any relief from this immoral mandate. EWTN remains firmly committed to pressing forward with our case in the Federal Courts and will take all steps necessary to challenge this unjust mandate.”

2013 March for Life Attracts 500,000 - Largest Ever

Washington, DC Jan. 25 - Over half a million people marched up to the Supreme Court building during this year’s March for Life setting a new record for attendance. This is a significant increase from recent years where the March attracted two or four hundred thousand.

The annual March for Life marks the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion on demand throughout the country. This year was the 40th year since those decisions were made on January 22, 1973. And, although attendance at the March has steadily increased over the years, that may be one reason for the surge in attendance this year.

This year’s March was also the first since the passing of the former leader and founder of the March, Nellie Gray. Unfortunately Miss Gray was not able to see a reversal of the Supreme Court decisions during her lifetime, but the



March has continued under new leadership. In addition to the large numbers at the March for Life, the large percentage of young marchers is also encouraging. Polling data shows that the next generation is very pro-life. And the younger marchers were there to prove it.

March for Life Founder Passes Away



Pro-lifers throughout the nation and the world mourn the passing of pro-life activist, Nellie Gray. At 88 years old, Nellie Gray was forced to end her life’s work of defending the unborn and was called home to God.

Best known for her work in founding and maintaining the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, Nellie Gray will be greatly missed. The March began on the first anniversary of the Supreme Court’s tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision, and it has persisted every year after that. The March attracted many millions over the last 39 years. The March for Life will continue on without Nellie Gray, but remains her greatest legacy.

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During the service numerous inspirational prayers and Scripture passages were read by the clergy participating in the Memorial. There was no question that all were united in their commitment to work enthusiastically for restoring legal protection for all innocent human life.

NPRC presented a special award to Reggie Littlejohn, President of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, for her tireless efforts to end the one-child and forced abortion policies in China and for her efforts to end sex selection abortion which is ramped in Eastern cultures.



Michael Schwartz also received an award from NPRC, as well as the Cardinal John J. O'Connor Award presented by Legatus, for his 40 years of dedicated and selfless service to the pro-life movement. Michael served in many capacities with numerous pro-life organizations. Most recently he served as Chief of Staff to Senator Tom Coburn. Sadly, Michael Schwartz has since then passed away, may he rest in peace.

The Memorial's organizing committee consisted of leaders from: the National Pro-Life Religious Council; Priests for Life; National Right to Life; the National Clergy Council; the National Pro-Life Center; and Anglicans for Life.

For further information about the National Pro-Life Religious Council please visit their website at www.nprcouncil.org.



Michael Schwartz

Reggie Littlejohn

Arkansas Eighth State to Pass Pain Capable Legislation

In 2013, so far five states: Arkansas, Kentucky, Maryland, North Dakota, and West Virginia have introduced the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation carefully drafted by the National Right to Life Committee protects unborn children from abortions from the stage at which substantial medical evidence indicates that they are capable of feeling pain. This is the same law that was first enacted in Nebraska in 2010 and caused abortionist Leroy Carhart to expand his abortion operations in Germantown, Maryland.

Arkansas's Governor recently vetoed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. However, the Legislature quickly voted to override his veto making Arkansas the eighth state to protect these babies capable of feeling pain.

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection laws have also been enacted in: Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Mary Spaulding Balch, the director of State Legislation at the National Right to Life Committee commented on the legislation and said, "Most people oppose the killing of unborn children who are capable of feeling pain. A significant number of studies have proven that unborn babies feel pain."

And in North Dakota, their bill S.B. 2368 has passed the Senate (30-17) and is currently in the House. So far, 2013 is shaping up to be a productive year for the protecting of these innocent babies.