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Planned Parenthood: All About Abortion

Despite the name, Planned Parenthood has very little to do with "parenthood" and everything to do with the destruction of unborn children. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PP) is the largest abortion provider in the United States, killing unborn babies at an ever-increasing rate, 332,000 abortions in 2009, 1000 a day, over 5.5 million since 1977. PP is also being funded at an ever-increasing rate by the government, \$365 million in 2009 or about one-third of PP's yearly revenue.

The PP empire includes 85 affiliates, 820 separate locations, \$1 billion in assets, and a \$1 billion annual budget. Its biggest facility is a new, \$26 million, six-story, 78,000-square-foot, 7,000-abortions-per-year "mega-clinic" in Houston, Texas, one of a growing number of PP mega-clinics in the United States. A

few PP affiliates do not provide abortions, but this is soon to change: The Federation has decreed that all affiliates must begin selling abortions no later than 2013.

According to PP, 70% of its services consist of birth control distribution and STD screening and treatment, while abortion amounts to a mere 3% of what they do. This is entirely misleading. PP arrives at these figures by unbundling its services. For instance, let's say that a PP "clinic" does 50 abortions on a particular day. If each client is handed a packet of birth control while leaving the facility, abortion now accounts for only 50% of the services provided, and the incidental contraceptive handout appears, on paper, to be major part of the day's activities.

For a more realistic picture, it is important to know that in any given year a

full 12% of PP's clients get an abortion. In 2009, this amounted to 332,278 abortions, nearly 28% all the abortions done in the United States. Abortion is PP's biggest source of clinic revenue. By very conservative estimates at least 37% of all revenue generated by PP clinics comes directly from doing abortions. Less than 3% of PP's pregnant clients actually become parents; 0.3% are referred to an adoption agency and only 2% are given some form of prenatal care. PP is all about abortion.

Many Americans, disgusted by these facts and figures, are demanding that President Obama stop borrowing money from places like communist China so he can give it to an agency that is killing American babies by the hundreds of thousands. A national campaign
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Pro-life bills introduced in the state General Assembly

After eight years of pro-abortion Gov. Ed Rendell and almost seven years of pro-abortion Gov. Tom Ridge, Pennsylvania has elected a pro-life governor.

With Gov. Tom Corbett now in-charge, there is no longer the high likelihood of a veto whenever a bill that is not to the liking of the abortion industry lobbyists reaches the governor's desk. Now is our chance to make up for lost time, and the Pennsylvania General Assembly appears poised to do just that. A number of pro-life bills have been introduced, so it is important that we tell our legislators that we want action.

There is an urgent need to resolve some serious deficiencies in Pennsylvania's oversight of abortion providers and to exercise the state's right to opt out of the abortion-funding provisions of the Obama health care law.

Although it is not possible at the present time to fully protect unborn babies from the brutality of the abortion industry, more can be done to protect abortion clients. Abortionists should be held to the same medical safety standards that apply to legitimate health care

providers. This is currently not the case.

With the recent discovery of inhuman conditions at an abortion facility in Philadelphia, which even *The Nation*, a very liberal publication, referred to as "Dr. Kermit Gosnell's Horror Show," it has become all too clear that Pennsylvania has failed to properly regulate abortion facilities. After 20 years of mayhem, Gosnell is finally under arrest, for the recent murders of a patient and seven babies who were born alive in his facility. Several bills have been introduced to ensure that other "reproductive rights" horror shows are not allowed to flourish in our state while regulators look the other way.

State Rep. Matt Baker is sponsoring three bills: H.B.574 would require abortion facilities to comply with the same safety standards that cover other ambulatory surgical facilities; H.B.908 would increase the penalties for impersonating a physician; and H.B.907 would change the statute of limitations for infanticide and late-term abortion. All of these offenses are alleged to have taken place in Dr. Gosnell's facility.

State Sen. Jake Corman has introduced

S.B.642, which would establish a licensing process for abortion facilities and make annual inspections mandatory.

State Rep. Kathy Rapp, whose district includes neighboring Warren County, has introduced the *Women's Right to Know Law*. The bill, H.B. 1077, would protect a woman's right to make an informed choice by requiring abortion providers to do an ultrasound exam and ask the woman seeking an abortion if she would like to see an image of her unborn child before an abortion takes place.

In order to maintain Pennsylvania's policy of not using government money to pay for abortion, State Sen. Don White has introduced S.B.3, which would remove abortion coverage from insurance plans operating in Pennsylvania that are subsidized by the Obama health care law. An identical bill, H.B.912, has been introduced in the House by State Rep. Nicholas Micozzle.

Call your Pennsylvania state senator and state representative today and tell them to support each of these bills. See the bottom of page 4 for phone numbers. For additional information, contact People for Life.

CANDIDATE SURVEY Primary Election - May 17, 2011

Survey Questions

1. LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN ... If changes to *Roe v. Wade* make it possible, would you favor the enactment of a law prohibiting abortion, or prohibiting abortion with exceptions? (Please specify what exceptions, if any.)

2. LATE TERM ABORTIONS ... Should abortions be prohibited in all cases where the unborn child is mature enough to survive apart from his or her mother?

3. INFORMED CONSENT ... Should abortion providers be required to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, such as information about the medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of her unborn child, the availability of detailed information (provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) about fetal development and the possibility of medical assistance benefits if the woman decides to continue her pregnancy? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

4. TIME FOR DELIBERATION ... After initially consulting with a physician, should a woman who wants an abortion be given 24 hours to carefully consider her decision before an abortion is carried out?

(Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ... If a woman seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, should the consent of at least one parent be required unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING ... Should public funds be used to pay for abortions?

7. ASSISTED SUICIDE ... Should physician-assisted suicide be allowed?

8. EMBRYO DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH ... Should government funds be used to pay for research that involves the destruction of human embryos (embryonic stem cell research)?

Key to Survey Table

D Running on democratic ballot
R Running on republican ballot
DR Running on both ballots
Y Yes **N** No
nr No response to survey
b Blank; responded to the survey but did not answer the question
 ♦ See "Additional Comments"
 ► Did not respond this time, but did respond when running for office previously. See "Previous Surveys"
Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in UPPER CASE.

Candidates' Additional Comments

Mike Baker ♦ Candidate returned a blank questionnaire without comment or explanation.

Blain Blakeslee ♦ "I'm against all taking of life and against our tax dollars spent for it."

Robert S. Casillo ♦ "I believe in the sanctity of life. That is very important to me and is my personal belief." ♦ 8. "I am not qualified to answer this question, as I would need more information."

Jack Daneri ♦ Excerpt from a letter sent by the candidate: "It is my belief my personal feelings are not relevant to the voters as they decide on my qualifications to continue my job as District Attorney. As the chief law enforcement of Erie County, I must be mindful of the laws of the Commonwealth, and my obligation to prosecute individuals for violations of those laws. Personal feelings cannot, and should not, dictate such decisions." In 2002, Daneri successfully prosecuted a case of criminal homicide of an unborn child under Pennsylvania's *Crimes Against the Unborn Child Act*.

Dominick D. DiPaolo ♦ "Under the Rules of Judicial Conduct I am not permitted to answer your questionnaire."

Eric A. Duda ♦ 5. "Parent or legal guardian"

Lonny Tim Eastman ♦ 4. Candidate circled 'no' but included the comment:

"Twenty-four hours is not enough time." ♦ 7. "If an individual is terminal with absolutely no hope of recovery and in sound mind and wishes to terminate their own life to avoid further personal suffering"

Andrew Fynan ♦ "Because a human life will be destroyed and another permanently changed, I am against abortion as birth control, always have been. But I also believe in personal liberty and freedom and that it comes with personal responsibilities so I

don't believe that anyone or a government has the right to compel an adult woman to carry anything within her own body." ♦ 1.

"Rape, incest. *Roe v. Wade* is not perfect by any means, but I agree with the first trimester part of the decision." ♦ 4. "Should be 36 hours." ♦ 5. "I see no reason to make criminals out of pregnant 16-year olds."

Scott Hammer ♦ 4. "However I feel it should be 72 hours." ♦ 6. "Unless serious risk of death to the mother"

Casimir J. Kaz Kwitowski ♦ 6. "Where the life of the mother is involved and no insurance policy due to financial reasons"

Paul Manzi ♦ "I am unable to answer your questions due to the Pennsylvania Rules of Court."

Brian M. McGowan ♦ 7. "Not certain, need more informational facts"

Bob Merski ♦ 1. "Rape, incest"

Jason T. Monn ♦ 1. "Let this be perfectly clear, I am against abortion. I do believe however that I don't have the right to choose who lives and who dies in any situation that does not involve me. My answering yes to the question about allowing abortions in some situations goes to that thought process." ♦ 3. "If I go to have an elective surgery at a hospital I am given tons of information about all sorts of choices that I may have. Whether it is alternatives to the surgery or different ways to have the procedure, I am given choices. This should hold true to all medical procedures." ♦ 6. "Abortion is a choice you have under current law. That being said, my choice is to not have it done. That being the case, my money should not go towards it, whether it is from my wallet or the monies that I pay in taxes. If you have the right to have an abortion, I have the right not to fund it." ♦ 7. "This is a tough question. I am not

for any kind of suicide on a religious level, but I can understand why in some cases people would want to do it. I believe that government has no place telling you what you can do with your own life. So for that reason, if a person who does not have the ability to achieve the process of ending one's life by themselves, I believe that they should be allowed help, as long as the final act is performed by the individual and not the helper. Let it be known that I do not agree with their decision to end their life, but I do understand it."

Shelly Rea Rice ♦ 1. "Rape, incest possibly - fine line" ♦ 3. "All women should be required to view a sonogram of their child before provided an abortion."

George W. Riedesel ♦ "The position of County Controller does not involve policy making of this nature."

Paula S. Ries ♦ 1. "Rape, risk of death"

Annette Rilling ♦ 1. "a. Case of rape b. Protect the mother"

Thomas A. Spagel ♦ "Thank you for providing me with this survey. I don't believe this applies to me as I am running for a school board director position, and the Erie school board does not make any decisions that affect any abortion or right to life issues."

Sue Strohmeier ♦ "Unfortunately, judicial candidates are not permitted to comment, other than to swear to uphold the law."

Matt Tighe ♦ In a telephone conversation, the candidate strongly maintained that abortion and human life issues are irrelevant to the position of school director and suggested that we were attempting to "politicize" the school system. A hypothetical example of Planned Parenthood being given a role in the educational process was offered just to help clarify why a candidate's thinking on human

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2011 Municipal Primary - Candidate Survey Responses

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Erie City Council 2-year term								
Bob Merski (D)	Y♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Richard E. Wagner (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	b♦
No response: Joel Jody Schwartz (D), Melvin Witherspoon (D)								
Erie City Council 4-year term (vote for 3)								
Mark Aleks Aleksandrowicz (D)	b	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	b
No response: David Brennan (D), Julia Calipo (D), Patrick S. Cappabianca (D), Jessica Horan-Kunco (D) Note: Merski and Witherspoon are on the ballot for both 2-year and 4-year terms.								
Erie City Treasurer								
Susan E. DiVecchio (D)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
City of Erie District Judge 06-1-03								
Tom Carney (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
City of Erie District Judge 06-1-04								
No response: Joseph R. LeFaiver (DR), Michael D. Keys (D)								
City of Erie District Judge 06-1-05								
Dominick D. DiPaolo (DR) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
John D. Little (D)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Erie County Controller								
Casimir J. Kaz Kwitowski (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	b♦	N	N
George W. Riedesel (R) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Mary E. Schaaf (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Erie County Coroner								
Lyell P. Cook (R)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Erie County Council District 1								
No response: Phil Fatica (D), Gil Rocco (R), Rebecca Styn (R)								
Erie County Council District 3								
Darlene Kenny (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Fiore Leone (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Erie County Council District 5								
Kyle W. Foust (D)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Erie County Council District 7								
Carol Loll (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: ► Dan Galena (R), Patrick J. Gehrlein (R), Clayton Schulze (R)								
Erie County District Attorney								
Jack Daneri (R) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Erie County District Judge District 06-2-02								
Les Fetterman (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Paul Manzi (DR) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Erie County District Judge District 06-2-04								
Brenda Williams Nichols (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Erie County District Judge District 06-3-01								
Mark R. Krahe (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Erie County District Judge District 06-3-02								
Scott Hammer (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N♦	N	N
Noreen E. Tuttle (DR)	Y♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y♦	N	N
No response: Gerry Alonge (DR), Kristofer Kubasik (DR), Fred Lucore (DR), Heidi F. Meyer (DR)								
Erie County District Judge District 06-3-03								
Sue Strohmeier (DR) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
No response: Pete Dregalla (DR), Vincent P. Haibach (DR)								
Erie County District Judge District 06-3-05								
Brian M. McGowan (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	b♦	N
No response: Samuel A. Cihon (DR), James J. Jim Dwyer (DR)								
Erie County District Judge District 06-3-06								
Denise Stuck-Lewis (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Corry City Council 2-year term								
Dennis L. Baker (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
James Myers (R)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Corry City Council 4-year term (vote for 2)								
Pat Migliaccio (R)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Jason T. Monn (R)	Y♦	Y	Y♦	Y	Y	N♦	Y♦	N
City Of Erie School Director (vote for 5)								
Robert S. Casillo (DR) ♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	b♦
Gary Kanonczyk (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Thomas A. Spagel (DR) ♦	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
No response: Linda Aleksandrowicz (DR), Robbie Fabrizi (DR), John C. Harkins (D), Debra Johnson (D), Jeanine McCreary (DR), Frank Petrungrar (DR), John A. Voli (DR)								
Corry School Director (vote for 5)								
Mike Baker (DR) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Steven W. Drake (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Lonny Tim Eastman (DR)	Y	Y	Y	♦	Y	N	Y♦	N
No response: Peggy J. Gates (DR), Linda Hajec (DR), Christine Johnson (DR), Doris Gernovich (DR)								
Fairview School Director (vote for 5)								
No response: Ellen Brockwell (DR), Michael Dougherty (DR), Andrew C. Foyle (DR), Frances R. New (DR), Daniel Stroup (DR), Bradley J. Westfall (DR)								
Fort Le Boeuf School Director (vote for 5)								
John E. Ogden (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: William J. Bliley (DR), John Brytus (DR), Benny W. Hunt (DR), Michael A. Narciso (DR), Robert S. Oberlander (DR), Shirley Sackett (DR), Theodore A. Szall (DR)								
General McLane School Board (at-large and regional races)								
Annette Rilling (DR)	Y♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Matt Tighe (DR) ♦	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
No response: Mona Buschak (DR), Carrie Crow (DR), Peter Dobrzynski (DR), William R. Getson (DR), Becky Meeker Okel (DR), John J. Streiff (DR)								
Girard School Director (vote for 5)								
Debra J. Brady (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Kathy Burke Craft (DR)	n	n	b	Y	Y	N	Y	N
No response: Tom Eberle (DR), John P. Hayden (DR), ► John Hughes (DR), Bob Lossie (DR), Kelly Munro Weidler (DR), Tom Nuzback (DR)								
Harborcreek School Director (5 for 4-years / 1 for 2-years)								
No response: Terri L. Brink (DR), Bryan Fife (DR), Thomas D. Fortin (DR), Renee Gregorich-Uht (DR), Christine Mitchell (DR), Jim Dolak (DR), Theresa A. Herrera (DR), Curt Smith (DR)								
Iroquois School Director (vote for 5)								
No response: Alfred C. Rial (DR), James F. Crotty (DR), Richard L. Ragen (DR), Jr.								
Millcreek School Director (5 for 4-years / 1 for 2-years)								
No response: ► Gary J. Winschel (DR), R. Shawn Conrad (DR), Brian Kramer (DR), Michael Palermo (DR), Ben Pike (DR), Judy Wheaton (DR), Ronald Wilga (DR)								
North East School Director (vote for 5)								
Andrew Fynan (R) ♦	n♦	n	Y	Y♦	Y♦	N	N	N
No response: Jennifer DeGrosky (DR), Jim Mazza (R), Kathleen Weinheimer (DR)								
Northwestern School Director (vote for 5)								
Shelly Rea Rice (DR)	Y♦	Y	Y♦	Y	Y	N	N	N
Paula S. Ries (DR) ♦	Y♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
No response: Joan Baxter (DR), Randy M. Davison (DR), Becky Fehr (DR), Valerie Hoover (DR), Richard A. Sembower (DR), Christopher Zurinsky (DR)								
Union City School Director (vote for 5)								
Blain Blakeslee (DR) ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
No response: David Fox (DR), Jennifer Gourley (DR), George Trauner (DR)								
Wattsburg Area School Director (vote for 5)								
Eric A. Duda (DR)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y♦	N	N	N
Joe Walko (DR)	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr

RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS SURVEYS Although they did not respond to the latest survey, the following candidates did respond during past election cycles: ► John Hughes turned in a 100% pro-life questionnaire in 2009. ► Dan Galena and ► Gary J. Winschel turned in substantially pro-life responses in 2009 and 2007, respectively.

KELLY'S RECORD U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly is cosponsoring: H.R. 358 to remove abortion funding from the Obama health care law

and restore conscience protection; H.R. 3 to stop *all* abortion funding; and H.R. 217 to deny Title X funds to agencies that do abortions. He voted for H.R. 2 to repeal the Obama health care law and voted twice to de-fund Planned Parenthood.

Response to Comments from the Candidates

People for Life thanks all those who participated in our Candidate Survey. Some candidates took the time to include additional comments and even, in a few cases, to challenge the propriety of the Survey itself. We appreciate any and all feedback.

We are not surprised when a candidate disagrees with us on the issues. But what is surprising is that some candidates seem to think that the public has no right to know where they stand on these issues, issues that are not only important but paramount for many people.

True, local public officials do not usually determine the laws and policies that are considered in the Survey, but the questions are still relevant. Polling companies ask even private citizens the same kinds of questions in order to accurately gauge where they stand on abortion and related human life issues.

We will respond here in a general way to some of the additional comments that were submitted by the candidates.

Judicial Offices

Three of the candidates for District Judge stated that the *Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct* prevented them from disclosing their views to the voters. According to the *Code*, “Judges should refrain from political activity inappropriate to their judicial office.” But should all “political activity” be considered “inappropriate”? Running for office is itself a political activity.

Conversely, should affirming one’s support for the most basic of human rights be considered political activity in the first place?

Several state codes of judicial conduct have been challenged in court in recent years, most notably by constitutional attorney James Bopp, who serves as general counsel to National Right to Life. A number of courts have ruled that limitations on judicial candidates’ ability to express general opinions on the issues of the day are unconstitutional violations of the candidates’ First Amendment free speech rights.

Not all judicial candidates think the *Code* prevents them from sharing their views about human life. For example, a candidate who went on to win election to a statewide judicial office spent nearly an hour freely and forcefully sharing her pro-life views with the volunteers at our Erie County Fair outreach booth in 2009. Also that year, in the campaign for an open seat on the Erie County Court of Common Pleas, five candidates answered our questionnaire, three simply failed to respond, and only one declined to respond by invoking the *Code*.

Declining to respond because of concerns about the *Code* should not, however, be seen as evidence of pro-abortion leanings. One candidate, for example, who invoked the *Code*, Sue Strohmeier, was known as a pro-

life person well before she ran for public office, and we have no reason to think this has changed.

District Attorney

Incumbent District Attorney Jack Daneri took the time to respond with a formal letter even though he is running for reelection unopposed. He did, however, decline to share his views. He asserted that personal views are not relevant as long as a district attorney is faithful to his duties and the letter of the law. Unfortunately, given the constraints on time, limited resources, and, yes, political realities, law enforcement officials are obliged to constantly make decisions about when, where, and how to enforce the law. Those decisions will inevitably be influenced by an official’s personal values, sense of priorities, and perception of the character and motives of parties involved in cases that arise.

For example: Some Erie-area residents were threatened with arrest by school officials and police officers for distributing benign pro-life literature on a public sidewalk to passersby near a local high school. When one of the assistant district attorneys was consulted, he responded by admitting that this might be a violation of the pro-life resident’s free speech rights. His advice, however, was to get a good lawyer before attempting to distribute any more literature because, no matter what, the DA’s office would prosecute the leafleteers on behalf of the school district if requested to do so.

A pro-life assistant district attorney might have been more inclined to try to resolve the situation in a way that would equitably protect the rights of everyone involved, including the pro-life citizens. (This episode occurred a number of years ago and is in no way intended to reflect on the current candidate for district attorney.)

School Boards

There can be no doubt that certain elected offices are more crucial to the pro-life cause than others. The most crucial offices are those of U.S. President and U.S. Senator. The president nominates Supreme Court justices and the Senate confirms them. The current Supreme Court is the main obstruction to legal protection for the unborn.

The issue of abortion might not figure prominently in a race for city dog catcher, but it should not be difficult to see why a voter might be concerned about a school board candidate’s views on the subject. Nevertheless, some school board candidates do get upset when they receive our Survey. And they occasionally respond with an indignant, “None of your business!”

One school board candidate submitted pro-life responses to seven out of eight questions but still wrote that he “took exception” to the survey because abortion has “absolutely nothing to do with the

position of school director.” Just the day before, ironically, we heard from a former People for Life member, Farrah Morelli, who is running for school director in Delaware. She is doing so specifically to help keep Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider and promoter, from controlling the sexuality curricula of the middle and high schools in her community.

We depend on school boards to ensure that public schools treat the pro-life viewpoint – and those who hold it – with at least a moderate amount of fairness, balance, and respect. Cases from around the nation, unfortunately, show that this is not always the case.

Remember last year when a school maintenance man in Virginia passed out a handful of educational three-month fetal models to some students? Perhaps the man should have been advised not to pass things out at school, but his immediate suspension and the fierce howls of outrage and condemnation from school officials were telling.

Abortion can become a school issue in various ways. Students are sometimes forbidden to write or speak about abortion. Teachers sometimes feel pressured to hide their personal viewpoints, even though practically every other subject is up for discussion. Students have been ordered to remove shirts with pro-life messages or to turn them inside-out even though other messages, including unseemly ones, are routinely ignored.

But while students are being thus “protected” from the topic of abortion, at the other extreme in what are hopefully truly rare instances, school personnel have helped students obtain secret abortions. No school director, except a radically pro-abortion ideologue, would condone secret abortions. But in light of such experiences, who could honestly believe that abortion and human life issues have “absolutely nothing to do with the position of school director”?

KELLY TO DC MAYOR: OBEY LAW

Congressman Mike Kelly is one of 85 U.S. Representatives who sent a letter to DC Mayor Vincent Gray urging him not to violate the recently reinstated ban on government funding of abortion in the District of Columbia. When a ban was put in place in 1996, DC violated the law for two years.

N.W. PA State Legislators

Sen. Jane Earl (814) 453-2515
 Sen. Bob Robbins (814) 336-2760
 Sen. Mary Jo White (814) 728-2100
 Rep. John Evans (814) 734-2793
 Rep. Flo Fabrizio (814) 455-6319
 Rep. Pat Harkins (814) 459-1949
 Rep. John Hornaman (814) 835-2880
 Rep. Brad Roae (814) 336-1136
 Rep. Curt Sonney (814) 897-2080

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Additional Comments

life issues might have some relevance. The candidate responded by saying that, while he had an opinion on the matter, he would *not* disclose it and that he could “not speak for the school board.” He volunteered, however, that it would not be acceptable for a teacher to allow a guest speaker to make a simple classroom presentation about abortion without the formal approval of the entire school board.

Noreen Tuttle ♦ 1. “Many deformities to child - incest” ♦ 6. “If absolutely necessary to avoid back alley procedures”

Richard E. Wagner ♦ 8. Candidate’s response was a question mark (?).

Election of Officers

The annual election meeting of People for Life is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. It will be held at the People for Life Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St. Members whose dues are paid one month in advance of the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are Carol Struchen for treasurer, Dave Halligan for secretary, Marielle Lafaro for first vice-president, Gretchen Lorei for second vice-president, and Dale Klobusnik for third vice-president. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee, who must be a current member of People for Life.

High School Oratory Contest

Siblings Catherine and Stephen Caulfield took first place in the 11-12 grade and 9-10 grade divisions respectively, of the Northwestern Pennsylvania High School Oratory Contest, sponsored by People for Life on April 2. Stephen’s speech was a tribute to the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the former abortionist who became a pro-life activist. Catherine challenged her audience to ask themselves if they are doing enough for the pro-life cause: Attending the March for Life and occasional pro-life social functions is great, but, she asked, is that enough?

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Memorials

<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Mike & Ann Bednar	Ronald Cote	Ray & Peggy Fitzgerald	Judy Bauer Miller
Dan & Tanya Fitzgerald	Ronald Bauer	Amy & Matt Roach	Judy Bauer Miller
John Fitzgerald	Ronald Bauer	Mary & Lee Simmons	Judy Bauer Miller
Michael & Inna Fitzgerald	Ronald Bauer	Julie & Bob Whaling	Judy Bauer Miller
Pat & Lera Fitzgerald	Ronald Bauer	Marla Pellegrino	Her Mother
Ray & Peggy Fitzgerald	Ronald Bauer	Dan & Tanya Fitzgerald	Robert F. Weist
Amy & Matt Roach	Ronald Bauer	John Fitzgerald	Robert F. Weist
Mary & Lee Simmons	Ronald Bauer	Michael & Inna Fitzgerald	Robert F. Weist
Julie & Bob Whaling	Ronald Bauer	Pat & Lera Fitzgerald	Robert F. Weist
Ray & Peg Fitzgerald	Don Filipkowski	Ray & Peggy Fitzgerald	Robert F. Weist
Rita & Robert Jandt	Jean Hammer	Amy & Matt Roach	Robert F. Weist
Rebecca S. Nelson	Jean Hammer	Mary & Lee Simmons	Robert F. Weist
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 Planned Parenthood**

to de-fund PP is underway, and People for Life members are getting involved.

Director Tim Broderick and two others took part in a "Vigil for Victims" on Valentine's Day outside the PP abortion facility in Pittsburgh. The three were interviewed as they were leaving for Pittsburgh, and a TV report aired in Erie later that day.

PP had just been caught on video conspiring with people posing as sex traffickers to arrange secret, illegal abortions for underage victims of prostitution.

Twenty-one rallied against government funding for PP outside the Erie offices of U.S. Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey on March 3. Toomey has since voted twice to stop funding. Casey, who claims to be "pro-life," has voted twice to continue funding.

On March 8, 75 members and friends of People for Life joined Lila Rose of Live Action Films and her "Expose Planned Parenthood" bus tour for a rally in front of pro-life Congressman Mike Kelly's office. Kelly strongly supports the de-funding effort.

Carnations

May 5-9 will be an extremely busy time for People for Life. Many volunteers will be needed for our Mother's Day Carnation Project. Please call (814) 882-1333 if you can help in any way. Students are always appreciated. The busiest day will be Friday, May 6.

Our carnations will be available on Mother's Day weekend at scores of Erie-area churches, at the Millcreek Mall Community Booth, and at our base of operations at Rog's Inc. on German St. between 18th and 19th Sts. Suggested donations are \$1.00 for

single carnations and \$5 for each half-dozen.

Education Highlights

► Students at Penn State Behrend had an opportunity to consider why abortion is the greatest social injustice of all time, thanks to a 12-page insert that was placed by People for Life in the March 1 edition of the *Behrend Beacon*. The insert, titled "You Can Stop Injustice," contained personal stories, hard facts, shocking statistics, rebuttals to common pro-abortion arguments, and much more.

► Melanie Brewer, a Senior Field Representative for pro-life Congressman Mike Kelly, attended the April meeting of People for Life and gave an update on pro-life legislative activity and the congressman's efforts in defense of human life.

► Since January, we have taken our popular *Abortion: Policy, Practice, and Perspectives* presentation to multiple classes at St. George School and Mercyhurst College, to religious ed classes at Our Lady of Peace Church and St. Lawrence Church in Albion, and to Gannon University for a session sponsored by the Gannon Students for Life.

► A brand new presentation, *Pro-Life Voting: Why it matters, even in local elections*, was recently given to an adult

audience at St. Joseph Church-Bread of Life Community.

► In mid-March, People for Life Director Tim Broderick visited St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and to give a talk titled, *What's New in the Fight for Life?*

► Please let us know if you would like more information about a free presentation for your organization or classroom. We would be happy to plan a talk that suits your needs.

► Watch for us this summer as we bring the pro-life message to a community event near you. Our first event will be the Erie Wild Rib Cook Off in Perry Square, June 1-4.

Find Us on Facebook

People for Life is now on Facebook. We are sharing links to interesting pro-life articles, publishing legislative action alerts, advertising upcoming events, and posting pictures from events such as the March for Life, the Regional High School Oratory Contest, and Lila Rose's recent "Expose Planned Parenthood" Rally at the Intermodal Transportation Center. Even if you don't have a Facebook account and don't want to sign up for one, you can find us on Facebook by using the link on the front page of www.peopleforlife.org. Check us out and let us know what you think.

2011 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2011	
May 5-8	Mother's Day Carnation Fundraiser
May 10	Last day to apply for a Pennsylvania civilian absentee ballot
May 15	Annual Election Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
May 13	Last day for Boards of Election to receive voted civilian absentee ballots
May 17	Pennsylvania Primary Election
June 1-4	Outreach Booth at the Erie Wild Rib Cook Off - Perry Square, Erie
June 11	People for Life Open House - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
June 18-19	Outreach Booth at CorryFest - Corry, PA
June 23-25	National Right to Life Convention - Jacksonville, FL
July 12-16	Outreach Booth at the Cherry Festival - North East, PA
Aug. 4-6	Outreach Booth at Dan Rice Days - Girard, PA
Aug. 18-21	Outreach Booth at Celebrate Erie - Erie, PA
Aug. 29 - Sept. 3	Outreach Booth at the Erie County Fair - Wattsburg, PA
Sept. 5-10	Outreach Booth at the Waterford Community Fair - Waterford, PA
Sept. 13-17	Outreach Booth at the Albion Area Fair - Albion, PA
Sept. 23-25	Outreach Booth at the Wine Country Harvest Festival - North East
Oct. 11	PA Pro-Life Federation Banquet - 6:30 p.m., Mars, PA
Oct. 17	People for Life Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.

Open House

People for Life's fourth annual Open House will be held on Saturday, June 11. Drop in at 1625 W. 26th St. and see the latest in pro-life literature and promotional materials.

There will be free refreshments, balloons, and a big selection of free bumper stickers. We will also have car magnets, precious feet jewelry, wrist bands in five new designs, pro-life silly bands, and lots more. The Open House will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.