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Breakfast Speaker: Pro-Life Professor Paul Kengor

You don't want to miss People for Life's 37th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast. We are going to get together once again at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center, on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

Tickets are on sale now: Regular tickets are \$14 and children's tickets for ages 3-12 are \$7. Younger children are welcome to attend at no cost. Tickets must be purchased by January 12 at the latest.

The Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 11:30. The doors will open at 8 a.m. Come early and browse our big selection of quality educational and pro-life promotional materials.

Free child care with fun activities for kids of all ages will be available during the speaking portion of the program.

Our Speaker

We can't wait for you to meet our very special guest speaker: Paul Kengor, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science and Executive Director of the Center for Vision and Values at Grove City College.

Dr. Kengor is the author of the *New York Times* best-seller, *God and Ronald Reagan: A Spiritual Life* and a dozen other books. There will be a book signing with Dr. Kengor immediately after the Breakfast. Copies of *God and Ronald Reagan* and several other of Dr. Kengor's most recent works will be available to purchase.

A frequent contributor to MSNBC, C-SPAN, NPR, PCN-TV, EWTN, and Fox News Channel, Dr. Kengor is also a regular

columnist for *Townhall.com* and the *American Spectator*. He has appeared on many popular TV shows including *Hannity & Colmes*, and *The O'Reilly Factor*, and been a guest on many radio talk programs including shows hosted by Glen Beck, Sean Hannity, Michael Reagan, and Janet Parshall, to name just a few. Dr. Kengor does a regular commentary for three national radio syndicates: American Radio Journal, Moody Broadcasting, and Ave Maria Radio Network.

Our speaker received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and his master's degree from American University's School of International Service. He holds an honorary doctorate from Franciscan University (Steubenville, Ohio) where he was the commencement speaker in May 2009.

A native of northwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Kengor lives in Grove City, Pennsylvania with his wife Susan. They are the parents of eight children, including one child who is adopted.

Also Appearing

Several pro-life religious leaders will assist with the program: Sr. Josephine Voudi, Pastoral Minister at St. George Catholic Church; Rev. Ryan Grafton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edinboro; and Fr. Steve Schreiber, Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Erie Catholic Diocese and Chaplain at Mercyhurst Prep.



Paul Kengor, Ph.D.

We will also hear from Erie Catholic Bishop Lawrence Persico and Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, and from several public officials including U.S. Representative Mike Kelly and newly-elected State Senator Michele Brooks. Our MC for the morning will be People for Life's First Vice-President Marielle Lafaro.

Music

Music will be performed by Harmony's House, a lively interdenominational Christian group, new on the local scene.

Latest Updates

For more information and to get the latest updates about the 2015 Pro-Life Breakfast, visit peopleforlife.org/january2015 and facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast.

DC March for Life: Join our 42nd Annual Bus Trip!

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is always inspirational and unforgettable. If you can take a day off from work, school, or any other responsibilities and come with us, you really should do it.

The March will take place this year on Thursday, January 22, the exact date when, 42 years ago, seven unelected judges on U.S. Supreme Court summarily abolished the pro-life laws of all 50 states, allowing

abortion for virtually any reason at any time during pregnancy.

People for Life sponsors a Bus Trip that makes getting to and from the March for Life easy and worry-free. We take care of the transportation, the parking, and all of the planning. The cost of meals can be kept to a minimum; you won't have to pay for a hotel; and you won't have to drive back to Erie half-asleep. Being in our caravan of

buses means you will share your experience with many other wonderful pro-life people from the Erie area. The entire adventure is compressed into just a little more than 24 hours.

Occasionally someone who has not yet been to the March has misgivings, thinking that it might be disorderly or even unsafe. Nothing could be farther from the reality.

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FROM PAGE 1 Bus Trip

You will not find another public event that is more peaceful, orderly, and family-oriented than the March for Life. And if you are apprehensive about wintry weather, remember that the Washington, DC climate is much milder than what we routinely deal with here in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Cost

The cost of the Bus Trip is reduced this year to \$54 per seat. You will also need \$6.30 for a roundtrip ride on the DC Metro System and, of course, some money for food. Bring your own snacks to economize. Students and others on tight budgets are invited to check with People for Life about getting financial help from a sponsor.

Only a limited number of seats are available, so make your reservations right away. As interest in the March for Life has grown over the years, so has the demand for bus transportation. It is now practically impossible to secure additional buses to accommodate those who decide to go at the last minute.

History

The March for Life has grown by leaps and bounds since 1974, when 20,000 people marched for the first time. The biggest March to date took place in January 2013, just days after the second inauguration of President Obama. An estimated 650,000 people came out that year to renew the call for fairness and justice for the weakest and most defenseless of all Americans. People for Life's Bus Trip has also been growing: from 30-40 people in the mid-70s to a record 265 in January 2013.

This growth adds to the excitement and helps us continue to attract local news coverage, which is very important for the pro-life cause. The beginning of our trip is scheduled to coincide with the local late-evening news broadcasts. It is not unusual to have live TV coverage of our departure.

Groups Welcome

We love to host student and church groups, and we are always looking for new groups to share the excitement.

For the past 7 years, our largest group has consisted of 50-60 7th and 8th grade students from St. George School with their chaperones and a few parents and siblings. We regularly host groups from Gannon and Mercyhurst Universities, Mercyhurst Prep, Community Country Day School, and the Federated Church of East Springfield (both adults and youth group). We have also partnered with Crossroads Community Church of Edinboro, Cranesville Bible Church, the Conneaut Church of God and a number of other churches. This year we will share the March for Life experience with our first organized

group of students from Penn State Behrend.

So round up a group if you can, but don't think that you must be part of a group. Scores of Erie-area residents simply come by themselves or with just one or two friends or family members.

Itinerary

Our Anderson Coach & Travel buses will depart from St. George Church and School (near the Millcreek Mall on upper Peach Street) on Wednesday evening, January 21 at 11 p.m. One of the buses will make a pit stop for more passengers at the Edinboro Exit of I-79 and rejoin the caravan at our first rest stop.

We will arrive in Washington at approximately 7:00 a.m. and park at RFK Stadium. This will allow for some sightseeing, as part of a group or independently. Points of



pro-life interest include the March for Life Conference & Expo, National Right to Life headquarters, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and a favorite destination for thousands of Catholic marchers). Other popular, admission-free destinations include the Capitol Building, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Smithsonian Museums.

It's best to be prepared for all types of weather: rain, snow, and wintry conditions. Washington in January is often more like Erie in March or April, but one never knows. A glance at the DC online weather forecast will be very helpful, but the weatherman does sometimes make a mistake.

Marching in Washington, DC

The March for Life program will officially begin at noon with a rally on the National Mall at 12th Street, rather than 9th St. as in recent years. The new location puts the Rally closer to the Washington Monument and makes the March a few blocks longer this year.

The March will get underway at 1:00 p.m. A sea of marchers will pour into Constitution Avenue for literally hours of thousands and thousands of patriotic Americans thankful to be alive and determined to make the United

States once again a nation where everyone has an equal opportunity to the American dream and where everyone receives equal protection under the law. The winter daylight will be waning before all marchers reach their destination: the U.S. Supreme Court, where abortion at any point during pregnancy was declared to be a constitutional right by a Supreme Court gone grievously astray 42 year earlier.

Those who finish the March in time will also be able, if they choose, to visit with some of their federal legislators. Pro-life members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, including Senator Pat Toomey and Representatives Mike Kelly and Glenn Thompson, customarily team up to host a lively reception, complete with speeches, photo ops, and lots of refreshments.

We will head home at 5 p.m. and arrive in Erie at approximately 2 a.m., early Friday morning.

If this will be your first March for Life, you're in for a really amazing experience. Be careful; you might get hooked! Many people make the trip every year. [Your Editor attended his first March for Life in 1996 and has not missed one since.]

Visiting our nation's capitol is always a great experience, but you won't be there merely as a tourist, just for yourself and your own satisfaction: You'll be there for the

babies, their mothers and fathers, and for generations yet to be born. You'll be showing your fellow citizens and the entire world what America was truly meant to be: a land where everyone is welcome and no one is denied their rightful place in the human family. You will be proclaiming, loudly and clearly, that every human being is created equal, with God-given rights that no court decision, no act of Congress, and no executive order can legitimately disregard or revoke.

Book Your Bus Seat

So don't delay: It's easy to book your seat for the March for Life Bus Trip:

Mail your check marked "Bus Seat(s)" to People for Life and include a name, age, and phone number for each person; stop by our office at 1625 W. 26th St. and register in person; or use our newly redesigned online registration form with your credit card or PayPal account. To register online, go to peopleforlife.org/january2015 or input the link directly: <http://tinyurl.com/kjb3nb3>.

We also need a signed Permission Form for anyone under 18 who will not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Download the form from our website.

Follow the latest news about the Bus Trip on peopleforlife.org/january2015 and [facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip](https://www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip).

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Everyone who is able to walk should do so, but those who might not be able to walk the entire route may drive behind the marchers. If you are unable to walk, arrive at Perry Square between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. and turn on your four-way flashers. Parade marshals will guide you into line along the right side of South Park Row between State and Peach Streets.

Please support the Erie March for Life. In the face of such a huge national tragedy as government sponsored abortion, weighty arguments, lofty words, and stirring rhetoric are not enough. We must be active, because actions speak much louder than words.

Change will come and justice will prevail only when enough dedicated people are willing to stand up publicly and say, "No more!" to this wholesale betrayal of human rights, this mockery of American values.

Sponsor a Marcher

Your sponsorship donation could make it possible for a deserving college or high school student to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC, or a mom and dad with kids who will be making a sacrifice just to cover

the cost of meals during the trip.

Fifty-four dollars will completely cover the cost of one seat or allow two people to travel for half-price. In some cases even a partial sponsorship of \$10 or \$15 can make the difference between someone marching in DC and having to stay home.

Simply send a check to People for Life with the notation, "Bus Sponsor." Or if you would prefer, you can use our online Bus Trip registration form: Find the March for Life Bus Trip "Register Now" button at peopleforlife.org/january2015 or manually type in: <http://conta.cc/1G5p1Oo>. Under "select" you can attend the March, but you will be a sponsor. Then scroll down and select the sponsorship amount of your choice. On January 22 you will be able to sit back and remember that someone from the Erie area is marching for life, and you made it possible.

Breakfast Sponsors

We are in search of professionals, businesses, and other organizations to help sponsor the 2015 Pro-Life Breakfast and be recognized with an advertising listing in the Breakfast Program. The one-line listings may include an address, telephone number, website, and/or concise message, as space permits.

The sponsorship levels are: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$750 (Friend, Patron, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond). Sponsors also have the option of a year-long listing on peopleforlife.org.

Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of the community-wide, pro-life awareness and educational efforts that are conducted in conjunction with the Breakfast and our other January pro-life activities.

If you would like to be a Breakfast sponsor and have an advertising listing, please request a Sponsor Form from People for Life; download one from our website; or use the online form at: <http://conta.cc/1vZebF2>. You can also find a link to the online form on the front page of our website in the left-hand column. To ensure that your listing will appear in the program, we need to hear from you by January 13.

SUGGEST A SPONSOR

You probably know a number of pro-life professionals and businesspeople who would be happy to support our local pro-life educational work. Please tell them about the Pro-Life Breakfast and give them one of our Sponsor Forms, or forward your sponsor recommendations to People for Life.

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People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent solutions of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are valued and protected. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life; Tim Broderick, Editor.

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Donations may also be made by using the DONATE button on www.peopleforlife.org or by calling-in your credit card information.

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High School Oratory Contests

People for Life will hold a Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school students on April 11, 2015 beginning at 2 p.m. Each contestant will research, write, and deliver an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, euthanasia, or stem cell research.

There will be separate categories for grades 9-10 and grades 11-12. The first-place winners in each category will receive \$100 and the second-place winners will receive \$50.

The Oratory Contest is intended to give students an opportunity to learn more about the pro-life issues; to get some public speaking experience; to build confidence as an advocate for human life; and, last but not least, just to have some fun with other pro-life students. The contest takes place in a friendly, relaxed environment with the understanding that public speaking isn't always the easiest thing for most of us. (But the more we do it, the easier it gets.) The contest will take place in a private meeting room at the Blasco Memorial Library in Erie. Call or e-mail People for Life to register.

2015 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2015

Jan. 10	Erie March for Life, 11 a.m. - Begins at Perry Square, Erie
Jan. 12	Last day to purchase Pro-Life Breakfast tickets
Jan. 17	37th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast - Bayfront Convention Center
Jan. 21	42nd Annual March for Life Bus Trip, 11 p.m. departure
Jan. 22	March for Life & March for Life Rally - Washington, DC
Mar. 2	PA Pro-Life Federation Student Essay Contest deadline
Mar. 6	People for Life Student Essay Contest submission deadline
Apr. 5	Easter Sunday
Apr. 11	People for Life High School Pro-Life Oratory Contest - Erie
Apr. 15	PA Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest (submission deadline)
Apr. 20	General Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
Apr. 20	Last day to register for 2015 Pennsylvania Primary Election
May 8-10	Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project
May 10	Mother's Day
May 18	Election of Officers Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
May 19	Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Election
June 21	Father's Day / Father's Day Carnation Project
July 9-11	National Right to Life Convention - New Orleans, Louisiana
July 11	National Right to Life H.S. Oratory Contest - New Orleans

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is also sponsoring a statewide Oratory Contest, but with a different format for 2015. Contestants will video record their speeches and submit the video directly to the Federation. The first-place winner in the 11-12 category will win a trip to New Orleans to compete in the National Right to Life Oratory Contest next summer. Cash prizes will also be awarded. For more information about the statewide contest contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation in

psychological trauma not unlike that of soldiers returning from battle. Americans, like no other people in the history of the world, have benefited from the concept of unalienable human rights. If we, of all people, do not come to the defense of the unborn and their unalienable right to live, who in the world will?

The March will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Please arrive at the Perry Square Gazebo in downtown Erie by 10:45. The entire event will take about an hour.

Signs will be available, but feel free to bring your own homemade signs with positive pro-life messages. People for Life does, however, reserve the right to exclude

messages that do not reflect the purpose and spirit of the March.

Dress for winter weather and wear warm, non-slip footwear. Beware of icy patches on the streets and sidewalks.

The March, led by students from Penn State Behrend, will proceed west from Perry Square on 6th St., south on Sassafras, east on 10th St., north on State, and back to Perry Square.

Our event will conclude with a brief program at the Gazebo featuring Rev. Greg Buzzanco, Pastor of Triumphant Life Church in Erie and Fr. Dan Hoffman, Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Edinboro.

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Harrisburg at (717) 541-0034 or lifelines@paprolife.org.

Student Essay Contests

People for Life and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation are each sponsoring an essay contest for students in grades 7-12. Both will award cash prizes for the best essays. Word limits are 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Students may write on the topic of abortion, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Grades 7-9 and 10-12 will be judged separately.

Students are welcome, but not required, to enter both contests. For the PPLF contest, entries must be submitted by March 2, 2015 using lifelines@paprolife.org or

4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109. For the People for Life contest, entries must be submitted by March 6 using office@peopleforlife.org or P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. In each case, your essay must include a cover page with your name, address, phone number, grade and school.

Contact People for Life for help selecting a topic or finding reliable sources of information for your research.

Saturday, January 10 Erie March for Life

Join us for the Erie March for Life on Saturday, January 10 as we take the greatest human rights struggle of our times to the streets of Erie. The theme of this year's March will be, "Choose to Care, Not to Kill." With over 58 million government-sanctioned abortions since 1973 and over one million abortions last year alone, our beloved United States is leading the nations of the world in a War on Human Life that kills between 40 and 50 million human beings every year and leaves countless women struggling with emotional and