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Breakfast Speaker Steven Mosher



Population Research Institute President Steven W. Mosher will be the special guest speaker at People for Life's 38th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on January 16, 2016.

Mosher is an internationally recognized authority on China and population issues, as well as an acclaimed author and speaker. He has worked tirelessly since 1979 to fight coercive population control programs and international efforts to force developing countries to legalize and promote abortion. His work has helped hundreds of thousands of women and families worldwide.

In 1979 Mosher, as a doctoral student, was invited to China where he witnessed, first hand, women being forced to have abortions

under the new one child policy. At the time he was a pro-choice atheist, but what he saw forced Mosher to reconsider his convictions, and eventually he became a Catholic Christian.

Mosher is the author of many books about China including the best-seller, *A Mother's Ordeal: One Woman's Fight Against China's One-Child Policy*.

The Pro-Life Breakfast will be held again this January at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now. Pricing: \$15 for adults and kids over 12; \$7 for ages 3 to 12; no charge for kids under 3. Visit peopleforlife.org to register and pay online. You can also mail your payment or stop at our office.

Life Run 5K & Walk

People for Life's Second Annual Life Run 5K & Walk was held on October 10 at Burch Farms in North East. We congratulate our race winners and thank everyone who helped make this year's Life Run 5K a fantastic event: our 151 runners and walkers, the volunteers, the sponsors, and all the businesses that donated door prizes and refreshments. Special thanks go to Mr. Tim Burch and Burch Farms for hosting our event and Achilles Running Shop for helping us with many of the details.

Proceeds will help us continue the educational work of People for Life.

See more about Life Run 5K, including the race results, a list of sponsors, and a big photo album, at www.facebook.com/LifeRunErie.

Attention Teachers

This spring we will once again conduct essay contests for students in grades 6 to 12 (submission deadline April 1) and oratory contests for students in grades 9 to 12 (on April 9). Cash prizes will be awarded. We hope you will encourage your students to participate. Contact People for Life for more information.

March for Life Bus Trip

Plans are already underway for our 43rd Annual Bus Trip to the March for Life, and we hope that you are making plans to join us. We are very pleased to be hosting a group from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Edinboro for the first time, as well as

welcoming another group of 7th and 8th graders from St. George School in Erie. More groups are expected. We are regularly joined by groups from a variety of organizations such as Ashtabula County Friends for Life, Cranesville Bible Church, Federated Church of East Springfield, Gannon University, Mercyhurst Prep, and others. We would love to help you bring a group, large or small, from your organization. Now is the time to get started if you're interested. The first step is to contact People for Life.

The March for Life will take place on a Friday this year, which is a plus for many people. More good news: We were able to keep the cost down to \$55 per seat. Even better, you can get a seat for only \$46, below our cost, if you act by December 21. Early signups help us avoid too many unsold seats later, so we're happy to offer the discount. If the cost is still a problem, we will find a private sponsor who will be glad to help you.

Our buses will leave Erie at 11 p.m. on Thursday evening and be back home about 1:30 a.m., early Saturday morning.

Pay for seats online at peopleforlife.org, through the mail, or at our office.

Statewide Judicial Races

All of the Republican candidates on the ballot for the PA Supreme Court, the PA Superior Court, and the PA Commonwealth Court have been recommended by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC. The three Republicans running for three openings on the Supreme Court are Judy Olson, Mike

George, and Anne Covey. The Republican running for Judge of the Superior Court is Emil Giordano, and the Republican running for Judge of the Commonwealth Court is Paul Lalley. None of the Democratic candidates returned the Federation's questionnaire.

Community Outreach

Our 2016 pro-life outreach season began with the WCTL Women's Conference in March and ended with the 1:38 Women's Conference in October. In between, our team of talented volunteers, including many young people, took the pro-life message to 10 major outdoor community events, covering the City of Erie and all four corners of Erie County. It's not unusual for people to tell us that our booth is their favorite place to stop. One mom told us that her little girls refuse to do anything else until they've been to the baby booth!



Volunteers Emily & Grace at the Albion Fair

Candidate Survey for November 3rd General Election

Uncontested races were omitted from the table below if no information about any of the candidates' positions was available.

1. LEGAL PROTECTION If changes to the Roe v. Wade decision make it possible, would you approve or disapprove of a law prohibiting abortion except when necessary to prevent the death of the mother or prohibiting abortion with additional exceptions? (Please specify what additional 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 (approximately 5 months from conception)?

3. INFORMED CONSENT Do you personally support the provisions of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that require abortion providers to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, including information about medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of the 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?

Key to Survey Table

- D** Running on Democratic ballot
- R** Running on Republican ballot
- DR** Running on both ballots
- A** Approve **d** Disapprove
- Y** Yes **N** No
- nr** No response to current 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.*

4. WAITING PERIODS Do you personally support the provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that requires a 24 hour waiting period, after a woman who is considering abortion has consulted with a physician and been given the information noted in Question 3 above, to allow the woman time to carefully consider her decision, before an abortion is carried out?

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT Do you personally support the provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that requires the consent of at least one parent if the person seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved?

6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING Should government funds or tax credits be used to pay for elective abortions or insurance plans that cover elective abortions?

7. DOCTOR-PRESCRIBED SUICIDE Should the law allow physicians to prescribe drugs to be taken for the purpose of deliberately ending another person's life?

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

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas <i>Vote for not more than 2.</i>									
R	Jamie Mead ♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	N	b♦	b♦	
D	Erin C. Connelly	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
D/R	Joe Walsh	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Erie County Council District 3									
D	Fiore Leone	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Erie County Council District 5									
D	Kyle W. Foust ◀	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
R	Trish Catalano	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	b♦	N
Erie City Constable 5th Ward									
R	Andrew W. Bliss	A	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N	N
D	Jon Kitts	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Magisterial District Judge 5th Ward									
D/R	Paul A. Bizzarro	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
City of Erie School Director at Large <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
D/R	Robert S. Casillo	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N♦	Y♦
No response or information: Linda Aleksandrowicz (D/R), Robbie Fabrizi (D/R), John C. Harkins (D/R), Frank Petrunger Jr. (D/R)									
Corry Area School Director 4 Year Term <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
D/R	Michael E. Baker ◀	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
D/R	Steven W. Drake ◀	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
D/R	Lonny Tim Eastman	A	Y	Y	Y	N♦	N	Y♦	N
D/R	Delbert Liller II	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Doris Gernovich (D/R)									

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Fort Le Boeuf School Director At-Large <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
D/R	John E. Ogden	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Kim Edinger (D/R), Benny W. Hunt (D), Robert S. Oberlander (D/R), Karen Seggi (D/R), Michael Rose (R)									
General McLane School Director At-Large <i>Vote for not more than 2.</i>									
D/R	Carrie Crow	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
D/R	Annette Rilling	A	n	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Girard School Director At-Large <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
R	Richard E. Brown	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Thomas Eberle (D/R), Robert Lossie (D/R), Daniel Osborne (D), Ron Paschke (D/R), Melissa Ann Smith (D/R)									
Millcreek School Director <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
D/R	Lou Aliota	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	Donnie Hosford	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Christopher M. Busko (D/R), Janine McClintic (D/R), Ben Pike (D/R), Judy Wheaton (D)									
North East School Director At-Large <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
R	Andrew Fynan	A♦	Y♦	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Paul F. Behnken (R), Jennifer Degrosky (D/R), Erin L. Janes (D/R), Eric Riedel (D/R), Selina Uglov (D)									
Northwestern School Director At-Large <i>Vote for not more than 5.</i>									
D/R	Shelly Rea-Rice ◀	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	Sam Ring	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response or information: Joan Baxter (D/R), Gerhard %Gary+Bilek (D/R), Valerie Y. Hoover (D/R)									

Additional Comments

Andrew Bliss ♦4 ◊24 hours is not long enough.◊

Robert S. Casillo ♦7 ◊In cases of abortion ◊ no. However, terminally ill people should have the right to decide the course of their ultimate fate with dignity.◊ ♦8 ◊I feel that an unfertilized egg harvested for potential future life is not a living being unto itself. If research is used to save lives, i.e., cure cancer, I approve.◊

Trish Catalano ♦7 ◊...I live in constant pain, and getting out daily to volunteer, have a productive life where I help others and make my community a better place to live is what keeps me going.... But I can't help wondering what my pain will be like in 10, 15 or 20 years or if I would be the one begging friends, family or even my doctor to end my pain. But I also know that the government abuses every power it takes and I

have no doubt that if they were given the chance they would euthanize human beings that are mentally and physically handicapped, have incurable diseases, reach an age where they are no longer productive or that have spend too much of the governments health care dollars. It kills my heart to see people suffering in pain and I know that suicide goes against God's plan for us, but unfortunately I have no simple yes or no answer.◊ [Editor: These comments raise valid and important concerns, which are addressed in a publication, *Pain Management: Rx for True Dignity*, available from People for Life.]

Lonny Tim Eastman ♦5. ◊Probably with this clause [judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved]. ♦7. ◊Their own◊ (In the 2011 Survey, he indicated support for doctor-prescribed suicide: ◊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 ♦1. ◊Allow abortion for rape in first trimester.◊ ♦2. ◊Life of mother exception◊ ♦4. ◊Should be 36 hours.◊

Jamie Mead responded with a letter and by answering Survey question 8 directly. He responded to each of the other Survey questions by referring to his letter, which can be summarized by the following excerpts: ◊...I have always believed in, and have personally supported, the protection of all life, especially those who have no one to speak for them.... As a candidate for the office of Judge in the Erie County Court of Common Pleas, however, I am prohibited from discussing or expressing views on any topic or subject matter which could possibly appear in a case which may come before me during a potential tenure on the bench.◊

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New Education Fund, thanks to local attorney, wife, and law firm

We are excited to tell you about the new People for Life Education Fund.

Thanks to the generosity of Erie attorney Jim Toohey and his wife Mary Ann and the resources of the Quinn Law Firm, our organization is now able to receive tax-deductible contributions to help fund our educational initiatives ó without compromising our ability to advocate for pro-life laws and public policies. Jim and Mary Ann, who are members of People for Life, paid our attorneys' fees, and the Quinn Law Firm, in which Jim is a partner, provided the legal expertise that tailored the Education Fund exactly to our needs.

The People for Life Education Fund is registered as a charitable corporation in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and recognized as 501c(3) non-profit organization by the IRS. We received quick government approvals at every step of the application process, and there was never a need to submit a correction, a revision, or additional information.

The Education Fund will address fundamental human life topics such as: the wonder of fetal development; the unalienable nature of human dignity and the right to life; the universality of human rights; the sanctity of human life ethic and how it undergirds our culture, our nation, and the very concept of human rights; and why it is dangerous ó and simply wrong ó to attempt to solve personal and societal problems by deliberately taking

human lives or failing, individually or as a society, to protect them.

Membership dues and other non-tax deductible donations to People for Life, Inc., our 501c(4) organization incorporated in 1975, will continue to support all facets of our mission. These include the critical tasks of advocating for the right to life in the legislative and public policy arenas and promoting appreciation for human life at all levels of government (in accordance with IRS regulations).

As a 501c(3) entity, the Education Fund is eligible to receive contributions from employers who have matching gifts programs, such as Erie Insurance and GE.

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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 Inc., Tim Broderick, Editor.

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Previous Surveys

Michael Baker returned the 2011 Survey questionnaire leaving it completely blank without explanation or comment.

Steven Drake gave all pro-life answers to the 2011 Survey questions.

Kyle Foust participated in a candidates debate on March 19, 2008. In response to a question about government funding for abortion, he began with a full-throated endorsement of *Roe v. Wade*. He called abortion a "tricky" issue and "controversial" but did allow that the issue merits a "hard look." He said that abortion could be the "only option" for some women. He said that as a male, abortion was none of his business and any attempt on his part to protect unborn children from abortion would be sexist and an effort to "deny women their rights."

Shelly Rea-Rice gave all pro-life answers to the 2011 Survey questions and commented, "All women should be required to view a sonogram of their child before provided [with] an abortion."

Planned Parenthood

People for Life held two events this past summer to call for the investigation and defunding of Planned Parenthood: a rally in Griswold Park attended by nearly 100 people and a lobbying day with dozens of people visiting local legislative offices. Both events received a fair amount of news coverage. The Griswold rally featured four guest speakers: state Rep. Brad Roae, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly's District Director Brad Moore, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey's Regional Manager Sheila Starrett, and Stephanie Lindenberger, Assistant to the Director at Women's Care Center.

Taking additional steps to raise awareness, we put the undercover videos on the front page of our website and on DVDs for viewing without a computer. We also printed 2500 "DEFUND! Planned Parenthood"

2015 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2016

Nov. 3	General Election
Dec. 21	Last day for March for Life Bus Trip early bird discount
Jan. 9	Erie March for Life, 11 a.m. - Perry Square, Erie, PA
Jan. 16	38th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast, 9 a.m. - Convention Center
Jan. 21	43rd Annual March for Life Bus Trip begins, 11 p.m.
Jan. 22	March for Life - Washington, DC
Jan. 23	Bus Trip returns, approximately 2 a.m.
March 7	PA Pro-Life Federation Student Essay Contest - Entry Deadline
March 27	Easter
April 1	People for Life Student Essay Contest - Entry Deadline
April 9	People for Life High School Oratory Contest - Blasco Library
April 11	PA Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest - Entry Deadline
April 18	General Meeting
April 26	Pennsylvania Presidential Primary Election
May 5-8	Mother's Day and Mother's Day Carnation Project

bumper stickers and produced a handout flyer titled, *Planned Parenthood: What's the Deal?* The DVDs, stickers, and flyers are free and available on request.

Electronic Connections

E-mail and social media have become indispensable for fast and efficient communication within the pro-life community, just like everywhere else. Help us keep you informed about major pro-life events and human life issues of special significance for the Erie region by sending an e-mail to office@peopleforlife.org to request our E-Mail Updates and by "liking" our Facebook pages: /PeopleforLife, /ProLifeBreakfast, /MarchForLifeBusTrip, and /LifeRunErie. Our Twitter handle is @GoPeopleforLife, and our Instagram user ID is PeopleforLife1.

Pro-abortion challenger attacks Sen. Toomey for defunding vote

One of the Democrats hoping to run against pro-life Sen. Pat Toomey in 2016 is making the false and irresponsible claim that Sen. Toomey "voted to shut down the government over Planned Parenthood."

No, Sen. Toomey voted to shut down federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion company in the United States, *not* to shut down the government.

Hundreds of responsible legislators, including our own pro-life U.S.

Representatives Mike Kelly and Glenn Thompson, did the same. We are proud of our pro-life legislators who choose to stand up and defend human lives instead of playing politics with human lives.

Planned Parenthood has been caught red-handed, many times, breaking federal and state laws, even selling the bodies and body parts of aborted babies and conspiring to avoid the legal consequences.

Sen. Bob Casey, Jr., who describes himself as "pro-life," voted to continue funding as usual for Planned Parenthood, despite its trafficking in baby body parts and being responsible for every third abortion carried out in the United States.

By Means of Law

During his address to a joint session of Congress, Pope Francis said, "You are asked to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face." Teaching others to "celebrate life" is great, but there are *no* substitutes for just laws when basic human dignity is being desecrated.

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