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Steven W. Mosher: International Defender of Human Life

It is a real honor to present Steven W. Mosher as the Special Guest Speaker for People for Life's 38th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on January 16, 2016. It would also be an honor to have you, your family, and your friends join us for this very special event.

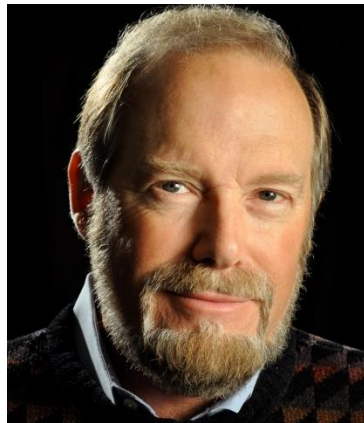
The program will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 11:30. The doors will open, and pro-life literature and merchandise will be on display, at 8 a.m.

Tickets are on sale now. The regular price is \$15, but there is a special price of \$7 for children ages 3 to 12. Younger children are welcome to attend at no charge. Free child care with fun activities for kids of all ages will be available during the speaking portion of the program. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tuesday, January 12 is the last day for ticket sales. Early reservations are helpful and appreciated. Getting tickets is easy and convenient; see page three for all the options.

Because a large group might have difficulty getting everyone seated together, reserved seating can be arranged for groups of eight or more. Volunteers will be available at the doors to help smaller groups with their seating requirements.

Our Speaker

Steven W. Mosher is the president and cofounder (with Fr. Paul Marx) of the



Population Research Institute, based in Front Royal, Virginia.

In 1979 Mr. Mosher was the first American social scientist to visit mainland China. Invited by the Chinese government, he had access to government documents and actually witnessed women being forced to have abortions under the new one-child policy. He was a pro-choice atheist at the

time, but witnessing these traumatic abortions led Mr. Mosher to reexamine his convictions. He eventually became a pro-life Catholic Christian.

When he returned to the United States, Mr. Mosher wrote *Broken Earth: The Rural Chinese*, a book that revealed to the world what was actually taking place in China. He is also the author of the best-selling *A Mother's Ordeal: One Woman's Fight Against China's One-Child Policy* and a number of other important works including *Hegemon: China's Plan to Dominate Asia and the World*, *China Attacks*, *China Misperceived: American Illusions and Chinese Reality*, and *Journey to the Forbidden China*.

Mr. Mosher has appeared numerous times before Congress, most recently on December 3, 2015, as an expert on world population, China, and human rights abuses. He has also made TV appearances on *Good Morning*

America, *60 Minutes*, *The Today Show*, *20/20*, *FOX News* and *CNN News*, as well as being a regular guest on talk radio shows across the nation.

Articles by Mr. Mosher have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Reader's Digest*, *The New Republic*, *The Washington Post*, *National Review*, and other publications too numerous to mention.

Mr. Mosher lives in Virginia with his wife, Vera, and their nine children.

Also Appearing

Three pro-life religious leaders will assist with the program, two of whom will travel a considerable distance to attend the Breakfast. The three are: Rev. Rick Rubeis, the Pastor of East Lake Road Alliance in Erie; Fr. Will Rupp, the Pastor of two Byzantine Catholic Churches, Dormition of the Mother of God in Clarence, Pa. and Saint John the Baptist in Hawk Run, Pa.; and Fr. Rich Toohey, the Pastor of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Warren, Pa.

Erie Roman Catholic Bishop Lawrence Persico and U.S. Representative Glenn OGTö Thompson are also confirmed as guests and have agreed to speak briefly. More pro-life leaders are expected. Our MC for the morning will be People for Life's own First Vice-president Marielle Lafaro.

Latest Updates

For more information and to get the latest updates about the Pro-Life Breakfast, visit www.peopleforlife.org/January2016 and www.facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast.

March for Life in Erie with State Sen. Michele Brooks

Join state Senator Michele Brooks and the Erie pro-life community for the Erie March for Life on Saturday, January 9. Help remind Erie and northwestern Pennsylvania that *all lives matter*. Every life is special. Every life is unique. Every human being has a right to be protected. And every human being has a duty to help defend those who cannot defend themselves.

The March will begin promptly at 11 a.m. and finish by 12:30 p.m. Please arrive at the new Pavilion in West Perry Square in downtown Erie by 10:45 a.m. Sen. Brooks will address the marchers at the end of the March when they return to Perry Square for the closing program.

The theme of this year's March will be, "No Choice but to Love, Protect, and Defend."

Sen Brooks was elected in November 2014 to represent Pennsylvania's 50th Senate District (parts of Erie and Warren Counties and all of Crawford and Mercer Counties). Prior to her becoming a state senator, she was the state representative for Pennsylvania House District 17, first elected to that office in November 2005.

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The Senator is a wonderful speaker. She is well-versed in the human life issues and has a loving heart for moms with children, born and unborn.

Fr. Brandon Kleckner, Parochial Vicar at St. George Church, is also on the program.

There have been over 58 million government-sanctioned abortions since January 22, 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. Under Roe v. Wade protecting unborn babies who are in danger of abortion, anywhere in America, is illegal and unconstitutional.

Mercyhurst University's Lakers for Life have enthusiastically accepted our invitation to take the lead position and carry the Erie March for Life banner.

The Erie March is an opportunity for all of us to declare that the Supreme Court got it backwards: Harming babies, not protecting them, should be illegal! The March is also a testament to the reality that the work of restoring justice for all human lives continues undiminished even though 43 years have passed since Roe v. Wade and our work is actually expanding with every passing year. Every marcher is another voice for the voiceless and a sign of hope for the future of our nation.

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.

Please remember to wear warm clothing and comfortable, non-slip winter footwear.

And beware of icy patches on the streets and sidewalks.

High School Oratory Contests

People for Life will hold a Student Oratory Contest on April 16, 2016 beginning at 10:30 a.m. All high school students are welcome to participate. Each student will research, write, and deliver an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or stem cell research.

Grades 9-10 and grades 11-12 will compete separately. The first-place winners 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, gain public speaking experience, build confidence as an advocate for human life, and 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 the easiest thing for most of us. (But the more we do it, the easier it gets.) The contest will be held in a private meeting room at the Blasco Memorial Library on the Erie Bayfront. Advance registration is required. Call People for Life to register, or e-mail office@peopleforlife.org and include the student's name, age, grade, and phone number.

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is also sponsoring a statewide high school oratory contest, but with a different format than People for Life's. Contestants will video record their speeches and submit the videos directly to the Federation. The first-place speaker in the 11-12 grade category will win a trip to the Washington, DC area to attend 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 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 contests offer 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, assisted suicide, 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 7, 2016 using lifelines@paprolife.org or 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109. For People for Life's contest, entries must be submitted by April 1, 2016 using office@peopleforlife.org or P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. All essays must include a cover page with the student's 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.

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act of Congress, and no executive order can legitimately disregard or revoke.

For anyone under 18 who will not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, a signed permission form is required. The form can be downloaded from our website.

Follow the latest news about the Bus Trip on www.peopleforlife.org/January2016 and www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip.

Dr. Frank Pregler to Speak on Assisted Suicide

Erie physician Dr. Frank Pregler will give a presentation about doctor-prescribed suicide at the April 20, 2016 meeting of People for Life. The meeting will be held at the Blasco Memorial Library in the Admiral Room starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be open to the public. All members and friends of People for Life are cordially invited. Time will be available for questions and answers after the talk.

Dr. Pregler will review the current status of doctor-prescribed suicide in the United States and in other countries. He will explain why the legalization and acceptance of any form of euthanasia threatens not only patients but also physicians whose convictions about the sanctity of human life will not permit them to conform to the idea of imposed death as health care.

With geriatrics as one of his specialties, Dr. Pregler is particularly well-qualified to address these topics.

Four states have expressly legalized

doctor-prescribed suicide: Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and, most recently, California (October 5, 2015). Although assisting suicide remains illegal in Montana, a 2009 decision by the Montana Supreme Court now provides cover for doctors who are willing to engage in the practice.

On a brighter note, according to the National Right to Life Committee, there have been over 100 attempts to legalize assisted suicide in the U.S. by ballot initiative or legislation, and the vast majority of these have ended in failure.

Nevertheless, the euthanasia special interest groups are clearly not giving up on their agenda. Bills to legalize doctor-prescribed suicide were introduced in 2015 in 20 states and four bills in New York alone.

In Pennsylvania, bills were introduced in both House (HB 943) and Senate (SB 549). These are just the latest in a series of bills, which have been introduced in every legislative session since 2008. Fortunately,

the 2015 bills did not progress beyond the committee review stage of the legislative process, perhaps because of all the time spent on the protracted battle over the state budget.

There had been serious concerns that the bills would gain a lot of traction this year because of the unfortunate case of Brittany Maynard, which received a lot of national attention in 2014.

Maynard, suffering from terminal brain cancer, moved to Oregon so doctor-prescribed suicide would be available when her conditioned worsened. Maynard proved to be an attractive and eloquent spokesperson for the right to die movement. Euthanasia advocates, with the aid of a compliant mainstream news media, generated a lot of public sympathy for their cause by showcasing Maynard's difficult situation. Maynard did, in fact, commit suicide with physician-prescribed poison on November 1, 2014.

Breakfast Sponsors

Erie area businesses, professionals, and other organizations are invited to help sponsor the 2016 Pro-Life Breakfast and be recognized with an advertising listing in the Breakfast Program. The support we receive from our Breakfast Sponsors is always greatly appreciated. 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 www.peopleforlife.org.

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

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 a credit card at www.conta.cc/1O7L5wc, where you will find an online web form. You can also access the web form using the link in the left-hand column on the front page of our website. To ensure that your listing will appear in the program, we need to hear from you by January 12.

Four easy ways to make BREAKFAST OR BUS TRIP RESERVATIONS

- 1. MAIL YOUR CHECK**
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- 2. VISIT OUR OFFICE**
1625 W. 26th St., Erie Call for hours.
- 3. GO ONLINE**
Visit www.peopleforlife.org/january2016. Use the REGISTER button on the BREAKFAST or the BUS TRIP page. Enter your Credit Card, Debit Card, or PayPal account information.
- 4. CALL 814.459.1333**
Have your credit or debit card information ready.

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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 Inc., Tim Broderick, Editor.

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Sponsor a Marcher

Your sponsorship donation can make it possible for a deserving college or high school student to be at the March for Life in Washington, DC this January 22. It could also make the March possible for a mom and dad with kids, who would be making a sacrifice just to cover the cost of meals during the trip.

Fifty-five dollars will completely pay for 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 prefer, you can use our online Bus Trip registration form. Find the March for Life Bus Trip "Register Now" button at www.peopleforlife.org/january2016 or use www.conta.cc/1H4Vdkh. Under "Fee" select "I can't attend the March, but I'd like to be a sponsor." Then scroll down and select the sponsorship amount of your choice. On January 22 you'll be able to sit back and remember that someone from the Erie area is

IMPORTANT NOTICE About Your Subscription

We hope you like our *Erie Echo* newsletter and want to continue receiving it. If you're not a People for Life member or donor, a \$2 donation will cover the printing and mailing costs of a one-year subscription (3 issues).

Donations can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. We do accept credit cards, but because of the fees involved, it is better to make very small donations using cash or a check. (Better yet, why not become a regular member for only \$10 per year?) If you can't donate at this time, just let us know that you still want to get the *Erie Echo*. Call (814) 882-1333 or e-mail office@peopleforlife.org.

If you are already a People for Life member or an occasional donor, thank you! Your subscription will automatically continue without any interruptions. No action on your part is necessary.

2016 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2016

Jan. 9	Erie March for Life, 11 a.m. - Perry Square, Erie, PA
Jan. 16	38th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast, 9 a.m. - Bayfront 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 12	Outreach Table, WCTL Women's Conference - Grace Church
March 27	Easter
March 28	Last day to register to vote in PA Presidential Primary Election
April 1	People for Life Student Essay Contest - Entry Deadline
April 11	PA Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest - Entry Deadline
April 16	People for Life H.S. Oratory Contest, 10:30 a.m. - Blasco Library
April 19	Last day to request a civilian absentee ballot
April 20	General Meeting with a talk by Dr. Frank Pregler - Blasco Library
April 22	Last day for County Board of Elections to receive absentee ballots
April 26	Pennsylvania Presidential Primary Election
May 5-8	Mother's Day and Mother's Day Carnation Project - Volunteer!

marching for life and know that you made it possible.

DC March for Life Buses

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.

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

The March for Life falls on a Friday this year. That will be a nice plus for all those who will have the weekend to rest up instead of having to go to work or school on their first day back from the trip.

Seats are priced at \$55, just enough to cover the cost of the buses. You will also need \$6.30 for a roundtrip ride on the DC Metro System and some extra money for

food. 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.

We love to host student, church, and other groups. We are always looking for new groups, so we can share the March experience with more people. For the past 8 years, our largest group has consisted of about 50 middle school students from St. George School with their chaperones and a few parents

and siblings. This year, for the first time, we will host a group of about 30 people from Our Lady of the Lake Church in Edinboro.

Our Anderson Coach & Travel buses will depart from St. George Church on Thursday 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 7:30 a.m. and park at RFK Stadium. The return trip begins at 5 p.m.

The March for Life program will officially begin at noon with a rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The March will cover 1.6 miles, from 15th & Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court.

Visiting our nation's capitol is always a great experience, but you won't be there merely as a tourist, just for fun and personal 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 to the nation and the world that every human being is created equal, with God-given rights that no court decision, no