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SUBJECT: Demonstration in response to honors from Mercyhurst University for Sr. Simone Campbell

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Mercyhurst University has announced plans to honor the political-activist nun Sister Simone Campbell with its Archbishop Oscar Romero Award this Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. In addition to accepting her award, Sister Campbell will speak about Peace and Justice.

Pro-life residents of the Erie area will conduct a demonstration to protest the damage that Sister Campbell is doing to our efforts to advance "peace and justice" for unborn babies, the most marginalized members of human society.

After staging a politically-driven bus tour called, "Nuns on the Bus," Sr. Campbell was furnished with a speaking engagement at the 2012 Democratic National Convention, which nominated pro-abortion President Barack Obama for a second term. During the convention, she was asked by The Weekly Standard for her position on government-sanctioned abortion, the legalized taking of a human life. In reply, the nun with extensive views and opinions about the federal budget and the national economy, who routinely lectures the U.S. Catholic Bishops and criticizes the Pope, said, "That's beyond my pay grade. I don't know."

Erie-area residents will gather at the Mercyhurst main entrance at 6 p.m., an hour before Sister Campbell's appearance, to show that they do know: Unborn babies deserve to be legally protected, NOT legally killed. "Peace and Justice" should not have to wait until birth! The demonstration will continue until 7 p.m.

The demonstration will also raise the issues of Sr. Campbell's enthusiastic support for President Obama's reelection, her ongoing cover-up of Obama's unambiguous commitment to an extreme pro-abortion agenda, and her outright denials about the abortion-funding that is, in fact, an integral part of the Affordable Care Act.

Sr. Campbell, especially when pressed, seems careful to offer a minimal amount of faint lip service to the right to life cause, or at least the term "pro-life." But her brand of politics betray, at best, a severely defective sense of priorities with respect to the issues of government-sanctioned and government-funded abortion on demand.

Whether by design or due to negligence, Sr. Campbell is misinforming and misleading many sincere people. To exploit one's position as a religious figure to promote a partisan political agenda is bad enough, but to play fast and loose with the facts while doing so, we think, is really deplorable.

People for Life has been active in northwestern Pennsylvania since 1973. We are a volunteer-based, non-sectarian and non-partisan organization dedicated to legal protection for the lives of all human beings: protection from abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and medical experimentation that does not maintain respect for the life of the human subject.

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