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A Win for Pro-Life Sidewalk Counselors

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia handed down two decisions that affect sidewalk counselors outside of abortion clinics in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. In [Bruni v. City of Pittsburgh](#) and [Reilly v. City of Harrisburg](#), the Court answered the question of whether sidewalk counselors can counsel women who are about to enter an abortion clinic. Both cities have “buffer zone” laws in place that prevent a person from congregating, patrolling, picketing or demonstrating within a certain distance of an entrance or exit of a healthcare facility (Harrisburg is 20 feet and Pittsburgh is fifteen feet). However, the plaintiffs are sidewalk counselors, meaning that they have calm and quiet conversations with women outside of the clinics where they offer assistance and information to those who are seeking an abortion. The counselors’ goal is to persuade by using caring and personal conversations. The Court reasoned that “approaching someone individually to engage in one-on-one conversation” is not congregating, picketing, etc. As a result, the plaintiffs can enter buffer zones to counsel women near the entries and exits of abortion clinics. [pafamily.org](#) 10/25/19

Heartbeat Bill

A number of states around the country have passed or are considering “Heartbeat Bills” and now Pennsylvania is lining up to be another. The reality is that one in three abortions in our state happen after the babies’ heartbeats can be detected. State Sen. Doug Mastriano (R-Adams) and State Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Clinton) have introduced Senate Bill 912 and House Bill 1977, which would update Pennsylvania’s current outdated abortion limits and would protect unborn children after their heartbeat is detected. It would require physicians—before proceeding with an abortion—to determine whether the baby has a heartbeat. If the baby has a heartbeat, the abortion cannot be performed. They are currently seeking additional co-sponsors in the House and Senate.

Thousands of unborn babies are aborted every year in Pennsylvania after their hearts beat. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s *Abortion Statistics* report, over 12,000 abortions happen every year in Pennsylvania at nine weeks or later, which provides a conservative estimate of the number of lives that could be saved, since the heartbeat can possibly be detected as early as the 6th week in pregnancy. [Take Action and contact your State Senator and State Representative to support the Heartbeat Bill.](#) [pafamily.org](#) 10/21/19

Veterans & Suicide

About 6,000 veterans commit suicide every year, according to a suicide prevention report from the Department of Veterans Affairs. “The latest data offers insights that will help us build networks of support and research-backed suicide prevention initiatives to reach all Veterans, even those who do not and may never come to us for care,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. The VA has instituted several programs in the last few years to provide mental health and suicide prevention services to veterans. The VA has found that of the 20 veterans dying from suicide each day, only six have been cared for by the VA in some capacity. VA leaders are now working to spread the word about the services available to veterans by collaborating with community groups, faith-based organizations, and local governments.

[Washington Examiner](#), 9/23/19

HALO Warns Against PCHETA

The Healthcare Advocacy and Leadership Organization (HALO) released a [press release](#) describing concerns and expressing opposition to the federal Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA)—House bill HR 647 and Senate bill S 2080. HALO supports hospice and palliative care providers who “respect the dignity and life of every patient, give honest information to patients and their families, and provide appropriate pain control and comfort measures,” but warns that enacting another federal hospice program would only cause more of the issues such as fraud, poor quality care, rampant abuse, and intentionally caused deaths that plague current federal hospice programs. Moreover, if PCHETA becomes law, it will finance education programs to entice the public into trusting palliative care and hospice, though HALO would prefer that Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine were “cleaned up before any more taxpayer funds are spent promoting it.” [ALL](#), 10/18/19

American Life League Launches MBW

[The Marian Blue Wave](#) (MBW) is a clarion call to Catholics across America to pray a Rosary weekly with the specific intention of ending all clinical, chemical, medical, and surgical abortions and shutting down every Planned Parenthood facility in the **United States**. But now, **ALL** has announced that the MBW is on every **continent** except Antarctica. In just 18 days, more than 1,500 individuals have joined MBW. Sign-up for this exciting effort [here](#).

[ALL](#), 10/8/19



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Zions has been on The Boycott List since 2015 and we last wrote to them in December 2015.

Culture of Life Contest Announced

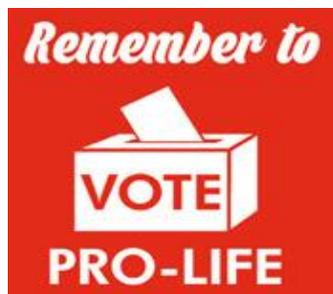
The Culture of Life Studies Program (CLSP) has announced the launch of the CLSP 2019 Pro-Life Essay Contest. Jointly sponsored by CLSP and the Institute for Excellence in Writing, this year's essay contest is for students in grades 3-12. The essay contest offers students the chance to express their pro-life beliefs and win over \$1700 in prizes (including cash and pro-life gear). Submission deadline is December 6, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time. Go to Essay Contest for details.

Voter's Guide Now Available

Pennsylvania's next election takes place on Tuesday, November 5th. Please refer to the following guides and vote pro-life:

PA Family Life Council 2019 Voter's Guide, and LifePac Voter's Guide

These guides are non-partisan, church-friendly resources with answers directly from the candidates to various important questions. The candidates covered in the guide are those running for the statewide Superior Court and, depending on the county, candidates for County Court of Common Pleas.



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Aborted Remains Kept as Trophies Will Receive Proper Burial

In September, authorities found 2,246 medically preserved remains of aborted babies in the Illinois home of former Indiana abortionist Ulrich Klopfer. A few weeks later, 165 more babies' remains were found in a vehicle stored on one of his properties. Klopfer's family reported finding the remains shortly after he died Sept. 3. Authorities believe the babies' bodies are from abortions performed between 2000 and 2002 in Indiana. A doctor who knew Klopfer speculated that he kept the babies' remains as some sort of gristly trophy. Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend said it would make its cemeteries available, though there is no word yet on whether the babies will be buried there. Sue Swayze Liebel, the state policy director for the Susan B. Anthony List and an Indiana native praised federal lawmakers for introducing a bill to ensure that nothing like this happens again. U.S. Sen. Mike Braun's Dignity for Aborted Children Act would require abortion facilities to bury or cremate the remains of aborted babies. LifeNews.com, 10/25/19

New Anti-Porn Program Connects Men with Hope, Plan to Kick Addiction

STRIVE is a powerful 21-Day Challenge (videos, written content, worksheets) developed by Matt Fradd and Cardinal Studios to help men understand why they go to porn in the first place, why they should break-free, and how to do so. It's not a silver bullet, but a highly effective resource that equips men with the knowledge, tools, and accountability needed to quit porn and begin to live the life to which God is calling them. As part of the program, participants are advised to place a filter on their devices. They are given a free trial of Covenant Eyes, an internet service that monitors, analyzes and processes screen activity and sends a report to the user and a designated accountability ally. Although other filters are available, Chris Cope of Cardinal Studios said Covenant Eyes is recommended because it offers the built-in accountability piece, which is a key element of STRIVE. Since the program was launched in March, thousands of men have taken up the 21-day challenge, with about 100-a-day registering. In addition, about 40 archdioceses and dioceses, including New Orleans; Orlando, FL; and Portland, OR; have ordered more than 125,000 STRIVE access cards for priests to give penitents in confession or to men going through marriage counseling. "Priests are very excited about this," Cope said, "because they can truly meet guys with a plan they can begin that day and get on the path to recovery."

National Catholic Register, 9/2/19