



Courthouse Prayer Service Highlights January Observance

Due to single-digit temperatures, RTL's annual candlelight vigil was held inside the courthouse this year, as a pro-life prayer service replaced the traditional candlelight procession around the court square. Both Shelby County buses to the March for Life were also cancelled due to weather, leading to a smaller crowd than usual. Still, 75 hardy souls showed up for a moving and meaningful period of prayer for our nation, for our communities, and for all those touched by abortion. (At left, attendees listen as prayers for the unborn are read.)

We are grateful to all who participated in the vigil, including: Pastor Jon Schriber of St. John's Lutheran Church, who led the opening prayer; Brian Swank from Sidney Apostolic Temple, who provided music; and Fr. Frank Amberger of St. Remy Catholic Church, who offered the closing prayer. Thanks, too, to those who assisted with the prayer service. Special thanks to event chairman Tim Bodenhorn, and to the Knights of Columbus for furnishing refreshments.

Trisler Captures First at Oratory Contest

"Gas chambers." These riveting first words opened Christy Trisler's speech, which compared abortion in America to the Holocaust in Germany. The address skillfully wove together statistics and emotional appeal and Trisler delivered it flawlessly, earning herself first place in this year's oratory contest, held Monday, February 24 in Sidney.

Aaron Amsden, a senior at Christian Academy placed second, winning \$150, and the third place prize of \$100 went to Isaac Abbott, also a senior at Christian Academy. Also participating were Courtney Gies of Jackson Center High School, Nawal Hijazi of Sidney High School, and Christian Academy student Caleb Ordean.

Event chair Anne Schmiesing said that all of the speeches were excellent. "The judges always have a difficult task," she said, "and this year was no different. The students were well-prepared and their poise in addressing the audience was so impressive."

Junior and senior high school students residing in or attending school in Shelby County were eligible for the contest. Each student was allotted 5-7 minutes to present their concerns about one of four abuses of the right to life: infanticide, abortion, assisted-suicide or embryonic stem-cell research.

Judges for the contest were Tara Adams, Amy Gleason, and Kevin Schmiesing.

With her award, Trisler receives \$300 and the right to compete in the Ohio Right to Life state oratory contest in April. The winner of the state competition moves on to the national level.

RTL thanks Pastor Jon Schriber and St. John's Lutheran Church for again hosting the contest. The event had been postponed from the previous Monday due to inclement weather.

Membership Reminder

Many thanks to those who have completed and returned their membership form and dues. We appreciate your prompt reply.

If you haven't yet returned your form and dues, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have not received a membership letter, please let us know; or simply send a check for \$12 to Shelby County RTL, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH, 45365, and include your contact information, which will ensure that you stay on our lists and continue to receive our e-mails and newsletter.

Clothing center report

In December, 125 clients purchased items, 9 used certificates from classes, and 12 received free items.

In January, 111 clients purchased items, 6 used certificates from classes, and 23 received free items.

Planned Parenthood: It was a “money-grubbing, evil, very sad, sad place to work”

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The no-holds-barred headline captures what Marianne Anderson told reporter Natalie Hoefler: “Former local Planned Parenthood nurse shares her story of walking away from evil.” The full shocking interview with this former Planned Parenthood nurse can be read online at The Criterion, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Do yourself a favor at read it carefully but not on a full stomach.

According to the interview, when Anderson hired on at the Indianapolis abortion clinic she knew what Planned Parenthood did, although she was “kind of on the fence about abortion.” Her journey seems to have started when some women came from the national office to teach them the conscious sedation process, described by Hoefler as “allowing clients to purchase mild to moderate sedatives to be given intravenously before an abortion.”

They were so gung-ho, it unnerved Anderson, it would appear.

“It was disgusting. These two ladies had this chant they would do: ‘Abortion all the time!’ I thought, ‘I’ve got to get out of here.’ That was about six to eight months after I started. Those women from New York acted like an abortion was a rite of passage.”

Worse yet there were real medical problems for the women, Anderson said, including one girl who “almost bled out. She was passing clots, her blood pressure was dropping.” (She explained that often this was a reaction to the sedation or excessive bleeding.) And, of course, mum was the word when something went wrong. “When we had to call 911 for an ambulance, we were told never to say the word ‘abortion’ because they don’t want that broadcast. They knew that the calls were recorded, and could be made public.”

Anderson described the abortion clinic as a “money-grubbing, evil, very sad, sad place to work” where they’d be reminded “in our weekly staff meeting that we need to tell everyone [who called to schedule an appointment] to avoid ‘those people’ [the sidewalk counselors] because we need the money. We were to tell them, ‘Don’t make eye contact with them, and don’t stop in the driveway. If you make eye contact with them or if you stop and roll down your window, they’re going to try their darnedest to talk you out of it.’

And as you read in other accounts of former abortion clinic workers, the pressure to keep the abortion numbers up was unrelenting. Anderson said they were told, “You have to have so many [abortions] a month to stay open. In our meetings they’d tell us, ‘If abortions are down, you could get sent home early and not get as many hours.’”

That pressure to keep the coffers filled resulted in law-breaking, according to Anderson, for example, allowing “girls to have ultrasounds that were obviously way too far along.” She added, “They said, ‘If they want to be seen, you just put them through, no problem,’ just taking advantage to make money. I was always getting in trouble for talking too long to the girls, asking if they were sure they wanted to do this. It was absolutely miserable going in there.”

Anderson is asked, “What experiences stick with you?”

“One young girl came in with her mom. She was about 16. Her mom had made the appointment. That’s not supposed to be how it works. It’s supposed to only be the patient who makes the appointment. I checked her in, and she thought she was there for a prenatal checkup. The mom ... blindsided her own daughter.

This guy brought in a Korean girl. I had no doubt in my mind this girl was a sex slave. This guy would not leave her side. They could barely communicate. He wanted to make all the arrangements. During the ultrasound, she told one of the nurses that there were lots of girls in the house, and that the man hits them. She never came back for the abortion. I always wondered what happened to her. One of my co-workers said, ‘You’re better off to just let it go.’

These girls would start crying on the table, and [the abortion doctor for whom Anderson worked] would say, ‘Now you chose to be here. Sit still. I don’t have time for this.’ One doctor, when he was in the POC [products of conception] room, would talk to the aborted baby while looking for all the parts. ‘Come on, little arm, I know you’re here! Now you stop hiding from me!’ It just made me sick to my stomach.

The sound the suction machine made when it turned on still haunts me.”

By Dave Andrusko, February 17, 2014. Reprinted from NationalRighttoLifeNews.org and edited for space.

March/April Prayer Intentions

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Please pray for the Supreme Court as they begin hearing the religious freedom case of Hobby Lobby on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation (Day of the Preborn Child).



Please pray for the success of our RTL Garage Sale from March 27- 29 and for our continuing Membership Drive.

RTL Garage Sale: Russia, March 27-29

RTL's annual garage sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Hours will be 9 am-7 pm on Thursday & Friday, and 9 am-12 pm on Saturday.

The donations for this sale are so generous year after year. As a friendly reminder we ask that you continue to donate only clean and salable items. Clothes that are stained do not sell. It is also extremely helpful when clothes are sorted by size and bagged/boxed accordingly. Donations can be dropped off at the RTL office anytime (Tues-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat 10-noon), or see your church bulletin for your local drop off site. You may also drop items off at St. Remy Hall on Tuesday, March 25 from 7-8 pm and Wednesday, March 26 from 9 am-6 pm.

If you would like to donate large items, such as furniture, and are not able to store them until the sale, please contact Maria Hoehne at 937-526-5008.

There is a bake sale and 50/50 drawing held in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, March 26, from 9 am-6 pm. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout the sale.

Volunteers are needed to help work at the sale, Wednesday-Saturday. A phone call to Karen Rosenbeck, 937-526-5814, would be greatly appreciated!

Garage Sale 50/50 Raffle

As in the past, there will be a 50/50 raffle in conjunction with the Russia Garage Sale. A single winner will collect half of all proceeds from the raffle.

Included in this newsletter is one page of raffle tickets. Donations are \$1 per ticket or all 12 tickets (whole sheet) for \$10. Please send completed tickets and money to Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365; or place in the secure drop box to the left of the office entrance no later than Thursday, March 27; or drop off at the garage sale itself no later than 11am Saturday, March 29.

Raffle tickets are also available for download from the "Newsletters" page of our website, shelbycountyrtl.org.

Thank you for your support.

Belgium Approves Measure Allowing Doctors to Euthanize Children

The Belgian Parliament voted today to extend euthanasia to children with disabilities, in a move pro-life advocates worldwide had been fearing would come and expand an already much-abused euthanasia law even further. The 86-44 vote Thursday in the House of Representatives, with 12 abstentions, followed approval by the Belgian Senate in December. No age limit would be set, but the children who are euthanized would have "to possess the capacity of discernment."

The legislation permits a child to request euthanasia, with the consent of his parents, if there is a terminal diagnosis accompanied by great pain with no available treatment options. The measure also extends euthanasia to persons suffering with dementia and Alzheimer's. Religious and family groups are criticizing the push for child euthanasia, and hundreds of Belgians have taken to the streets in protest. Continued on page 4

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Some 58 members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Group recently signed a Written Declaration affirming that the move “betrays some of the most vulnerable children in Belgium” and “promotes the unacceptable belief that a life can be unworthy of life which challenges the very basis of civilised society.”

Euthanasia has been legal in Belgium since 2002 but has, since its enactment, been prohibited for patients under 18. While euthanasia is legal in a handful of countries in Europe, Belgium is the first country in the world to lift all age restrictions on the practice. In 2012, Belgium recorded 1,432 cases of euthanasia – a 25% increase from 2011.

“Regardless of disability, life should be valued,” says Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. “To pass legislation that allows termination of life for people with disabilities who are minors is unacceptable,” he added. “Instead we must make every effort to use the research provided to us to provide attentive care to relieve their physical suffering in a moral way.”

The leaders of Belgium’s Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities put out a joint statement opposing the vote’s outcome. The statement read, “We mark out opposition to this extension and express our trepidation in the face of the risk of a growing trivialization of such a grave reality.” There is enormous concern about abuses under the expanded euthanasia law. Research conducted by the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) in 2010 found that 32% of euthanasia deaths in the Flanders region of Belgium occurred without an explicit request.

The number of euthanasia deaths in Belgium is skyrocketing with an increase of 25% in 2012. Recent studies indicate that up to 47% of all assisted deaths are not being reported, 32% of all assisted deaths are being done without request and nurses are killing their patients, even though the law restricts euthanasia to doctors.

The Netherlands already allows children over the age of 12 to request euthanasia with the consent of their parents.

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