



Life Chain Sends Pro-Life Message

The court square in Sidney was the site of RTL's annual Life Chain. Nearly one hundred pro-lifers were on hand for a program that included a speech by Botkins High School senior Nathan Platfoot, the second-place winner in Right to Life's 2015 oratory contest.

Platfoot, speaking about his 2 year-old goddaughter who was born prematurely, said: "To think that she could've been legally killed by an abortionist [at 25 weeks gestation] and to have no one with legal responsibility for her death is mind boggling. Thankfully she is alive and well, today...but it got me thinking. I began to do research on abortion." With those words, Platfoot encouraged his listeners to think more deeply about how common abortion is.

Members of the local youth organization, Teens for Truth, placed 400 luminaries around the court square for the event. They explained to the group that the luminaries were a "reminder of the many lives lost to and wounded by abortion." Each lantern represented ten babies; the 400 symbolized the 4,000 children lost to abortion each day.

Following the program, attendees held signs along the streets of the court square. The purpose of the event, emcee Anne Schmiesing of Right to Life explained, "is to pray and witness for our society to respect unborn children and their parents, as well as those threatened by assisted suicide and other violations of human life and dignity." The event concluded with a closing prayer by the Rev. Dan Hunt of the Petersburg Catholic parishes.

More than 400 Babies Saved During 40 Days

Ready for some great news? Well here it is! As we enter the final week of this 40 Days for Life campaign, our local leaders are reporting... 412 babies spared from abortion (that we know of)!

You offer up your simple prayers to the Lord ... and He responds with love and mercy. Here are just a few examples of His hand at work in this campaign.

Louisville, Kentucky

"Miracles are happening!" said Laura in Louisville. "Volunteers witnessed the following and wanted to share it."

While vigil participants were praying outside the abortion center, a woman came out and walked over to speak to them ... telling them she had decided not to abort her baby. "I saw a sign that someone was holding," she said, "and realized I just couldn't do it!"

"Praise God!" Laura said. "Because people answered His call and were standing there, serving as a witness ... this woman decided to save the life of her baby!"

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Membership Thank You

A big thank you to our membership committee for their hard work this year in following up with current members and recruiting new ones. Thanks to their efforts, we had a major increase in renewals over past years.

We are grateful to all of you for being a part of Right to Life. Together we can do great things for the pro-life cause.

Clothing center report

In August, 161 clients purchased items, 45 used work-to-earn certificates, and 2 dozen free diapers were distributed.

In September, 233 clients purchased items and 44 used certificates, and 47 free items were distributed.

Planned Parenthood Spends Big to Fight De-Funding Movement

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Planned Parenthood is spending big bucks trying to save its public image after undercover videos show that it may be profiting off the sale of aborted babies' body parts.

In July, August and September, the abortion business spent \$600,000 on advocacy – almost double the amount spent in the first two quarters of the year combined, according to a report by Congressional Quarterly. The money went into public relations firms, rallies in 90 cities, pink T-shirts, social media, petitions and travel expenses for women to lobby for Planned Parenthood in Washington, D.C. – all in a failed attempt to hide its gruesome trade of aborted babies' body parts. Planned Parenthood also gave \$76,645 exclusively to Democrats this election cycle, according to its tax filings.

Despite record spending, Planned Parenthood's reputation is going sour, according to recent polls. As reported earlier this week at LifeNews.com, a strong majority of Ohio residents want Planned Parenthood to be defunded and the money redirected to community health centers, according to a new poll. The U.S. House also voted to strip Planned Parenthood of its funding earlier this month. The bill, which heads to the U.S. Senate for a vote this fall, would block, for one year, most federal payments to Planned Parenthood.

The abortion business received \$528.4 million in government funding in its fiscal year that ended June 2014. At least 89 percent of the federal funding would be blocked by the bill. Dozens of leading pro-life groups have indicated their support for the bill, including the National Right to Life Committee. Several states, including Louisiana, Arkansas and Utah, also cut Planned Parenthood funding in the wake of the aborted baby body parts sales scandal, but judges in each of those states are currently blocking the de-funding as well.

The federal law that technically prohibits the sale of aborted babies and their body parts was written by a pro-abortion Congressman decades ago and essentially spells out a process by which sellers of aborted baby body parts can meet certain criteria that allows the sales to be legal. That's why a Colorado congressman has introduced legislation to totally ban the sales of aborted baby body parts.

The expose videos catching Planned Parenthood officials selling the body parts of aborted babies have shocked the nation. A brief summary of the videos:

- 1) Dr. Deborah Nucatola: "We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part."
- 2) Dr. Mary Gatter joked, "I want a Lamborghini" as she negotiated the best price for baby parts.
- 3) Holly O'Donnell, a former Stem Express employee who worked inside a Planned Parenthood clinic, detailed first-hand the unspeakable atrocities and how she fainted in horror over handling baby legs.
- 4) Dr. Savita Ginde stated, "We don't want to do just a flat-fee (per baby) of like, \$200. A per-item thing works a little better, just because we can see how much we can get out of it."
- 5) Melissa Farrell of Planned Parenthood-Gulf Coast in Houston boasted of Planned Parenthood's skill in obtaining "intact fetal cadavers" and how her "research" department "contributes so much to the bottom line of our organization here."
- 6) Holly O'Donnell described technicians taking fetal parts without patient consent: "There were times when they would just take what they wanted."
- 7) Holly O'Donnell described the harvesting, or "procurement," of organs from a nearly intact late-term fetus. "You want to see something kind of cool," O'Donnell says her supervisor asked her. "And she just taps the heart, and it starts beating."
- 8) StemExpress CEO Cate Dyer admits Planned Parenthood sells "a lot of" fully intact aborted babies.
- 9) A Planned Parenthood medical director discusses how the abortion company sells fully intact aborted babies — including one who "just fell out" of the womb.
- 10) Catches the nation's biggest abortion business selling specific body parts and shows officials admitting that they are breaking federal law by selling aborted baby body parts for profit.
- 11) Shows Dr. Amna Dermish describing a partial-birth abortion procedure to terminate living, late-term unborn babies which she hopes will yield intact fetal heads for brain harvesting.

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In memory of longtime member Bob Puthoff, in whose name RTL received a memorial donation.

+May he rest in peace.+



We pray for our priests, ministers, and other religious leaders: May they promote respect for life courageously and wisely, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May God protect the religious liberty of churches, pastors, and all be-

“Contagion Effect”: California Is Fourth State to Legalize Assisted Suicide

California Governor Jerry Brown signed a dangerous bill today to make the state the 4th to legalize assisted suicide, following Oregon, Washington and Vermont.

Leading pro-life advocates like Carol Tobias of National Right to Life said the new law “shows a blatant disregard for the lives of California’s medically vulnerable citizens and sends a message to these citizens that their lives are less worthy to be lived. The so-called ‘right-to-die’ movement promotes these laws as simply ‘another medical option’ at the end of life, but their real goal is euthanasia on demand for any reason.”

“There are no real safeguards. It is a well-established fact that nearly every terminally ill patient who desires death is suffering from treatable depression. In Oregon, fewer than 6% of patients have been referred for psychiatric evaluation before obtaining life-ending drugs. Rather than treat clinically depressed patients, the Oregon system and the system that would be established by the California bill indicates that you instead help the patients kill themselves,” Tobias noted.

The California bill is modeled after Oregon, which, in 1994, became the first state in the nation to legalize doctor-prescribed suicide. Proponents argue that such laws are necessary to provide “compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients,” and point to safeguards similar to Oregon, but the rhetoric obfuscates the real truth.

Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition tells LifeNews.com that people need to know of the dangers associated with assisted suicide.

“Does legalizing assisted suicide show care and concern to someone who is living with psychological pain? Recently, Dr. Will Johnston wrote about a young adult patient who became suicidal after watching a video about Brittany Maynard, the California woman who moved to Oregon to die by assisted suicide,” he said. “A primary risk associated with depression is suicidal ideation. The data indicates that legalizing assisted suicide does not reduce suicide, rather it appears to have a suicide contagion effect.”

Other experts on assisted suicide and euthanasia say lawmakers are ignoring problems in other states that have passed it.

“The assembly members didn’t focus on the bill’s language,” said Margaret Dore, president of Choice is an Illusion, regarding ABX2-15, which is modeled on similar laws in Oregon and Washington State. “The bill is sold as giving people choice and control at the end of life. Yet the bill’s language is stacked against the patient and applies to people with years, even decades, to live.”

The bill applies to people with a terminal disease, which is defined as having less than six months to live. Most people think this means ‘dying,’” Dore said. “However, in Oregon, which uses a nearly-identical definition of terminal disease, an 18-year-old with insulin-dependent diabetes is ‘eligible’ for assisted suicide. Doctors are often wrong at predicting life expectancy. Sadly, this bill encourages people with years, even decades, to live to throw away their lives.” [Ed. note: Causing death prematurely is wrong even when a patient has only a short time to live.]

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Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten.

Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world.

Don’t ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work.

— Archbishop Charles Chaput

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Columbia, Missouri

“We were blessed to see that God saved three babies on one day,” said Kathy, the local 40 Days for Life leader in Columbia. The volunteers learned of one of the saves when a young mom told the sidewalk advocate, “I’m not having the abortion. I just couldn’t do it”.

“A couple had gone in an hour earlier,” Kathy said, “and one of the more tenacious escorts barked for the young mom not to talk with me or take my information. They came out later and in the driveway, I was able to engage with her. Praise God! He saved three little ones today!”

Kathy noted that there were many children on the sidewalk. “One family brought four and one mom brought two little girls,” she said. “Another prayer supporter brought balloons which bounced back and forth in the strong wind all morning.”

Mankato, Minnesota

A baby was saved ... thanks to the prayers of the volunteers at Mankato’s 40 Days for Life vigil. The word came from a woman who stopped to talk to prayer volunteers, asking them to deliver a message to two people who’d been praying outside the abortion center earlier that day. Her daughter had an abortion appointment; but she told the vigil participants that “God heard their prayers – and my daughter changed her heart and decided to make an appointment with her ob/gyn instead.”

“Praise God!” said one of the Mankato volunteers. “God cannot be outdone in His generosity.”

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