

## “You Don’t Even Know What You’re Doing!”

By: Tom Stevens, President and CEO, Pro-Life Union

In front of Philadelphia Women’s Center at a Christmas Caroling event on December 28, we joined with thousands of pro-lifers across the nation who brought the joy, hope and light of Jesus Christ to the most sad, hopeless and dark places on the planet. The great goodness of singing *Joy to the World* and *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* in front of an abortion center is something that must be experienced to understand. Where light is, darkness cannot dwell.



**Pictured:** Christmas Caroling outside Philadelphia Women’s Center.

After the last carol, Marlene Downing was asked to lead a prayer. Marlene is the Director of Hope Pregnancy Center (Broad Street, Philadelphia) and a Board Member of the Pro-Life Union. As Marlene closed her prayer, she uncharacteristically walked to the rope separating us from the eleven escorts present and said in a loud, clear voice, “Turn...turn...turn...turn. You don’t even know what you are doing!” **It was a profound moment.** One of the young men, who was an abortion escort that day, seemed visibly taken aback and perhaps a bit shaken. Earlier he had been lifting up his coat to reveal a t-shirt that he obviously thought was hilarious. The t-shirt said in bold letters “Thank God for abortion”. As Marlene walked back to the pro-lifers, she said, “That was a Holy Spirit moment.”

On our website, you’ll find the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia’s belief statements ([prolifeunion.org/mission](http://prolifeunion.org/mission)). Among our belief statements is: “We believe that there is a need for prophetic voices within the institutions of our area and in the community at large, voices that speak the truth with love on behalf of marriage, family, and the rights of children.”

May 2020 be a year of the prophetic voice that is heard and effective. The Pro-Life Union will continue to be a voice that says: “Turn. You don’t even know what you’re doing. There’s a better way. There’s hope!” For the sake of the innocent, the sanctity of life, and for eternal souls, we will speak to: institutions, media, schools, leaders, politicians, and men and women. May the voice be clear. Let’s keep speaking the truth in love, peacefully and persuasively. Hopefully we will have more Holy Spirit moments.



## National Pro-Life Summit Features Pro-Life Union’s Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu as Guest Speakers

Students for Life of America’s National Conference has now transformed into a massive one-day pro-life training event the day after March for Life—for pro-life activists of all ages! The newly-formed National Pro-Life Summit will be held on Saturday, January 25 in Washington D.C.

At least two buses of students from Philadelphia Archdiocesan high schools will be going to participate in this highly anticipated event. The Pro-Life Union is providing scholarships for some of these students to attend the National Pro-Life Summit.



**Pictured (above):** Richara Krajewski, Board Member of the Pro-Life Union.

Speakers include: Lila Rose (president, Live Action), Liz Wheeler (TV host, “Tipping Point”), Charlotte Pence (daughter of U.S. Vice President Mike Pence), and many more—including Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia Board Members Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu! Visit [prolifesummit.com](http://prolifesummit.com) for details.



**Pictured (above):** Dr. Monique Ruberu, Board Member of the Pro-Life Union.

## Post the Pro-Life Union’s Pregnancy Hotline Flyer!

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, you are also receiving our Pregnancy Hotline flyer. Please help us to spread the message that there is help available to any mother who faces an unexpected pregnancy. If you are able, post the flyer on a bulletin board at your church, at a public store or community center. Before doing so, make scissor cuts between the phone number slips at the bottom of the page so someone who needs our help can have quick access to our pregnancy hotline. If you can’t post it in a public place, consider asking your church to publicize the number in their weekly bulletin. Thank you!

Pregnant?  
Need Help?



Text 484-451-8104 or  
call 610-626-4006.



## Join the National March for Life in D.C.

Waves of people will march peacefully to proclaim their support for the sanctity of all human life and envision a country where the *Roe v. Wade* landmark decision is overturned. Defend rights for the unborn at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life. This year's theme is "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman."

**Will your parish, school, or group have a bus trip organized to attend the March for Life in our nation's capital?** Share logistical details with the Pro-Life Union so we can promote it and help to fill more of your bus seats!

Send your group's March for Life bus information by email to [mail@prolifeunion.org](mailto:mail@prolifeunion.org). You may also call the Pro-Life Union office at 215-885-8150.

## Greater Philadelphia Events on Jan. 24

Can't make it to D.C. for the national March for Life? Join these local events right here in the Greater Philadelphia region on January 24<sup>th</sup> to still participate in pro-life activities:

### March for Life Live Broadcast Watch Party!

**Church of Our Savior** (651 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087)

Join us in the Gymnasium in Building F (follow the signs)

11:00am-5:00pm (note: Rally and March from 12-4pm in D.C.)

Drinks will be provided; bring your own food.

Qs? Contact Allen Anderson at [aaanderson115@yahoo.com](mailto:aaanderson115@yahoo.com).

### Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition's Rally for Life

Outside Planned Parenthood (610 Louis Dr., Warminster, PA 18974)

12:00-1:00pm (note: Refreshments and a brief program will be provided at the VFW across the street after the Rally.)

Qs? Contact Pat or Terry at [defendlife@voices4life.blog](mailto:defendlife@voices4life.blog).

**"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."  
- Psalm 139:13**

## Planned Parenthood to Open Clinics at 50 High Schools in Los Angeles Area

Planned Parenthood clinics are marking their territory in academic institutions to "serve" some of our nation's most vulnerable youth. According to an online article published last month by The New American, fifty clinics are set to open within Los Angeles area high schools over the next three years. Planned Parenthood will collaborate with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Health to operate these clinics.



Staffed by two public health officials trained by Planned Parenthood, the clinics will offer birth control options, pregnancy counseling, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. A Planned Parenthood nurse practitioner will be on school grounds once a week. At this moment, abortions will not be provided at the clinics, but the trained public health officials could "likely" offer abortion referrals.

At least five of these clinics are already open in Los Angeles area high schools. All fifty high schools are located in mostly low-income neighborhoods that lack medical centers with health services for sexually active teenagers.



## Bring Memorial Crosses to Your Church!

Since 1973, there have been approximately 60 million abortions performed in the United States. This number is staggering, and yet, there are some people across the nation who do not realize this appalling fact. The Memorial Cross Program brings attention to the reality of this statistic. A set of 60 white crosses, each cross representing one million abortions performed, placed on the lawn of a local church reminds us of the tragic loss of life, and prompts us to pray for the souls of those unborn babies and their mothers. If your church would like to display these Memorial Crosses, please call the Pro-Life Union's office at 215-885-8150. A Pro-Life Union volunteer will set up the crosses and remove them. Each church typically displays them for one month at a time.

## Legislative Policies about Abortion in 2019

As we begin 2020, it is tough to ignore or completely forget about states that introduced, and even passed laws in 2019, allowing extreme measures for abortions to occur. These states include: New York, Virginia, Maine, Illinois, Nevada and Rhode Island. Based on an article from The Daily Caller, here is an overview of the legislative policies that provided more access to abortion:



**Pictured (above):** Unborn baby at nineteen weeks old.

### New York

- Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Reproductive Act in January 2019 on the anniversary date of Roe v. Wade.
- The bill allows non-doctors to perform abortions and for women to obtain late-term abortions after 24 weeks in cases where “there is an absence of fetal viability, or at any time when necessary to protect a patient’s life or health.”
- It also removes abortion from New York’s criminal code.
- Gov. Cuomo ordered that One World Trade Center glow in pink in order to celebrate the passage of the Reproductive Act.

### Virginia

- Kathy Tran, a Democrat who serves in the Virginia House of Delegates, introduced House Bill 2491 in January 2019, which would allow doctors to perform abortions while the mother is giving birth.
- The state’s current law permits abortions in the second and third trimesters only if it preserves the health or life of the mother.
- HB 2491 also removed the requirement for expectant mothers to have an ultrasound before obtaining an abortion, that three physicians conclude a third trimester abortion is necessary, and that the second or third trimester abortions take place in hospitals.
- HB 2491 was “left in the Courts of Justice” on February 5.
- Soon after the House Bill was introduced by Tran, Gov. Ralph Northam spoke about abortion up until birth, implying that if the baby survived an abortion and was delivered, then the child’s life would be discussed between the mother and physician.

To read about the other states, visit this particular link, which will take you to a specific “News” post on our website: [bit.ly/2SYI5g9](http://bit.ly/2SYI5g9).

## Planned Parenthood’s Latest Annual Report Shows Highest Number of Abortions Ever

According to Planned Parenthood’s annual report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (which ended on June 30, 2019), their clinics performed 345,672 abortions—the highest number ever recorded by the nation’s leading abortion provider.

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**Pictured (above):** Teammates from the Green Bay Packers (image from Live Action article).

## Green Bay Packers Foundation Donates Money to Planned Parenthood

One of the NFL’s most renowned teams’ charitable foundations has donated money to Planned Parenthood. According to an article on Live Action, the Green Bay Packers Foundation distributed a press release last month listing recipients of their \$2.05 million annual grant. One of those recipients is Planned Parenthood. This news is shocking, partly due to the Green Bay Packers Foundation’s mission, which is to “support charities possessing one or more of the following goals: perpetuates a community environment that promotes families and the competitive value of athletics; contributes to player and fan welfare; ensures the safety and education of children; and/or prevents cruelty to animals.”

So why would the Green Bay Packers Foundation donate to the nation’s largest abortion chain, which does not protect children’s safety by any means? The Green Bay Packers Foundation told the Green Bay Press Gazette that the grant is for one specific Planned Parenthood program, Cuidándonos Creceremos más Sanos (CCmÁS), which engages with underserved Latino families in southeastern Wisconsin to provide health care and education. Tanya Atkinson, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood in Wisconsin, also told the Green Bay Press Gazette, “The Medical College of Wisconsin is predicting cancer rates among Hispanic women will double in the next 10 years. Programs like CCmÁS serve as a critical connector between patients and the health care they need.” Although Planned Parenthood claims to provide health care services, the percentages for health screenings are small—less than 2% for breast exams (and zero mammograms), less than 1% for Pap tests (screening for cervical cancer), and less than 2% for cancer screenings for women in total.

Aaron Popkey, the Packers’ Director of Public Affairs, told the Green Bay Press Gazette that their team and Foundation “certainly understand” there are individuals who don’t agree with the organizations that the grant supports. “The organization respects those views. Grant applications are considered specific to their initiatives and do not necessarily imply endorsement of other actions by the organizations.”

Fortunately, foundations of the Greater Philadelphia region’s NFL team—the Philadelphia Eagles—focus on matters that actually help children, including vision care and research for autism.

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Here are some additional findings from Planned Parenthood's 2018-2019 annual report:

- The number of abortions performed—345,672—is an increase of more than 13,000 abortions that were performed in the previous fiscal year. That's a 3.88% increase.
- There were 9,798 pre-natal care services offered.
- There were 4,279 adoption referrals provided.
- There were 2,236 instances of miscarriage care.
- There were 593,586 emergency contraception kits offered.
- There were 1,079,613 pregnancy tests conducted.
- Just 265,028 breast cancer care screenings were done.
- Planned Parenthood received \$616.8 million from taxpayers in its last fiscal year. That is a 9.4% increase to its prior fiscal year.



Our society should be utterly distraught by the number of abortions Planned Parenthood conducted in its latest fiscal year. Those unborn babies never had the opportunity to share their love and talents with the world. It is urgent to keep building a Culture of Life, not a Culture of Death, every single day. We must continue to reach the most vulnerable and help the unborn babies, mothers and fathers to choose life!



**PENNSYLVANIA  
MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Harrisburg, Pa | May 18, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.** Rally at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
**12:00 p.m.** March for Life

Don't miss the first ever  
PA March for Life...  
let's show legislators  
that Pennsylvanians care about life!

**Upcoming Events:** (Visit [prolifeunion.org/events](http://prolifeunion.org/events) for complete details about these events)

**1/11-1/12 after weekend Masses—Our Lady of Guadalupe's Pro-Life Fair**—Learn about pro-life ministries in the region after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (Doylestown, PA). Sponsored by the parish's Respect Life Ministry.

**1/24—47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life**—Join fellow pro-lifers traveling from all parts of the country (and even others who travel internationally) to gather in Washington D.C. for the national March for Life on Friday, January 24.

**1/24 from 11:00am-5:00pm—March for Life Live Broadcast Watch Party**—Join others at the Church of Our Savior (651 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA) to watch the Rally and March happening in D.C. Meet in the Gymnasium in Building F. Drinks will be provided; bring your own food.

**1/24 from 12:00pm-1:00pm—Rally for Life (Warminster)**—Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition is sponsoring a Rally for Life outside the Planned Parenthood in Warminster (610 Louis Drive, Warminster, PA). Refreshments served afterward at VFW across the street.

**1/25 from 8:00am-7:00pm—National Pro-Life Summit (Washington D.C.)**—Includes guest speakers Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu (Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia Board Members). Visit [prolifesummit.com](http://prolifesummit.com) for details.

**2/8 from 10:00am-12:00pm—February 'Newby Saturday'**—'Newby Saturday' is for people who want to learn how to effectively witness outside an abortion center. Join us on Saturday, February 8 from 10:00am-12:00pm outside Planned Parenthood at 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust Sts. Get common questions answered and learn by example from experienced Sidewalk Servants! Details at [prolifeunion.org/outreach](http://prolifeunion.org/outreach).

**2/26-4/5—40 Days for Life Campaign**—Mark Your Calendars! Participate in the next 40 Days for Life campaign, which will run from February 26-April 5.



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