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St. Michael's Pro-Life Times

"Life is everybody's business."



DEFENDING LIFE
FROM WOMB TO TOMB

June 2013

Repent and Heal

God Loves You and Will Forgive



I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and

His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and His mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.

— Blessed Pope John Paul II,
Evangelium Vitae (1995)

Rachel's Vineyard™

Group helps post-abortive women

After an abortion, a woman typically experiences deep emotional and spiritual pain. She may carry her burden in silence for years, sometimes engaging in further harmful behaviors — often another abortion — in an effort to deny its reality. Though her faith may assure her that God forgives those who seek His forgiveness, she often struggles to fully accept it.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing, the post-abortion ministry of the CPLC, is an affiliate of the respected international programs Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard.™ Through the sacraments, retreats, support groups and referrals to professional counseling, AAC-H offers healing to anyone who has been hurt by an abortion experience. The ministry provides training for clergy and mental health professionals. It also networks with counselors and other providers of post-abortion expertise.

A call to the confidential helpline results in an appropriate referral, which may include making a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat. The retreat offers spiritual and psychological healing to help the wounded person grieve the loss of the unborn child and accept God's forgiveness. Many describe it as a profound experience of love and renewal, of being brought back from death to new life.

Contact healing@prolifedallas.org.
or call 214-544-CARE (2273).

COMING ACTIVITIES in June

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| St. Michael's Pro-Life Meeting..... | Thursday, June 6th |
| Vigil Prayer Rosary..... | Saturday, June 15th |
| Sidewalk Counselor & Prayer Partner Training..... | Saturday, June 22nd |
| National Right to Life Convention..... | Weekend of June 27th-29th |
| Pray for Life..... | Every Single Day |

Gosnell was only the beginning - It's still happening in a Houston 'clinic'

We must take action to stop it now

After murderer Kermit Gosnell was brought to justice, there are gruesome allegations that Houston abortionist Douglas Karpen murdered babies and operated a "house of horrors" clinic.

We can do more to stop these incidents from ever happening with your help.

First, find your State Senators here:
<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

Then, call your State Senator and tell them to support **SB 25**, **SB 537** and **SB 1198**.

SB 25 would outlaw abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. **SB 537** would force Texas abortionists to abide by the same regulations as those governing ambulatory, or outpatient surgical centers. **SB 1198** would require Texas abortionists to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion facility.

According to Dr. Susan Berry on the Breitbart of May 15, 2013, a new video exposé released Tuesday of the Aaron Women's Clinic in Houston, one of three clinics owned by abortionist Douglas Karpen, depicts gruesome details of the practices of an abortionist who is currently facing a criminal investigation for allegedly allowing late-term babies to be born alive then twisting their heads off with his bare hands.

This information was taken from an email from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst but is NOT intended as an endorsement of him, his party or any political entity, but in support of justice for the unborn.

Pro-Life Boot Camp is Total Teen Immersion

Young adults learn the basics of Life

(From the CPLC website.)

Youth For Life Pro-Life Boot Camp is one of the best opportunities for young people to become involved in the work of the pro-life movement.

Boot Camp is for students entering high school, who are ages 14-17. The dates for Session 1 are June 28 to July 1; Session 2 runs from July 26 to July 31.

Activities include praying at Dallas and Fort Worth area abortion centers, talks from experts on pro-life issues, skits, pro-life testimonials, Mass and the Sacraments and volunteer projects.

Youth fees must be paid at time of registration to reserve a spot.

Payments can be made online by 11:59 p.m. on June 14th, and mailed checks must be received by the CPLC by June 18th. After this, the amount due will increase to the late registration price.

Full information can be found at the CPLC website www.prolifedallas.org/bootcamp.



PRO-LIFER OF THE MONTH



You!

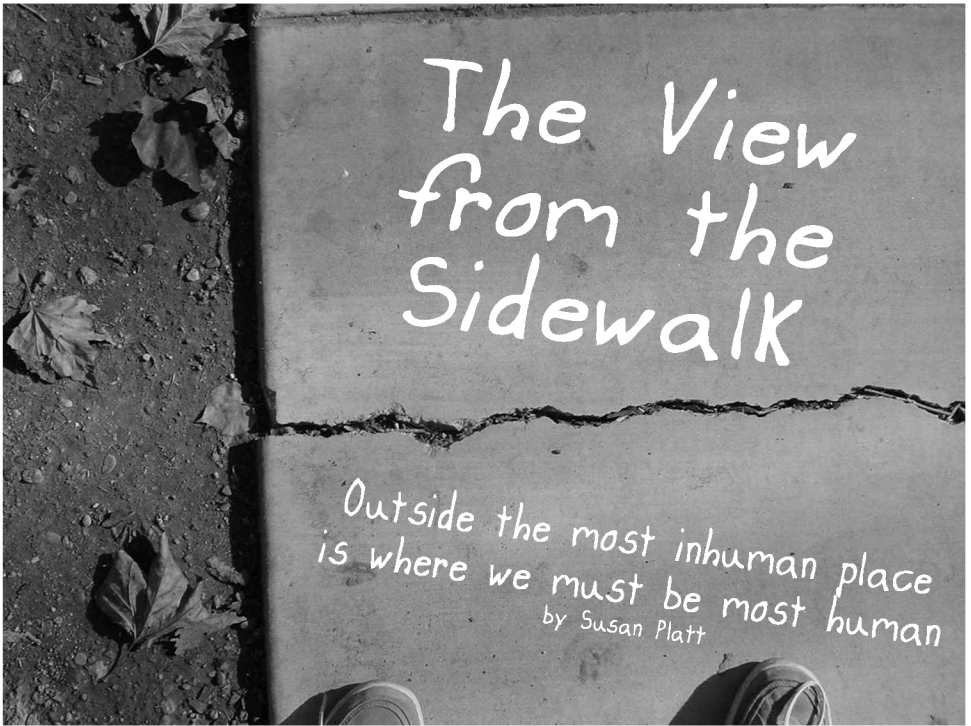
Thanks to you and your support through the Baby Banks, 147 of 300 banks were turned in to the Catholic Pro-Life Committee (CPLC) on Tuesday, May 21, along with 26 banks from earlier years' campaigns, for a total of 173! If the average of \$25 per can holds, we should have over \$2,000 donated!

Prayer Vigil Map

Southwestern late-term abortion facility is located at 8616 Greenville Avenue. The closest major intersection is Royal Lane & Greenville Avenue. The closest major highway is US-75. The best place to park is on *Boundbrook Avenue*, the first side street north of Greenville and Royal, across the street from the office complex or *in the parking lot of the Gaston Oaks Baptist Church*, 8515 Greenville Ave. Join us on the third Saturday of each month to pray and offer faithful witness. The babies will thank you for it!



A Pro-Life Special Report:



I never thought I would be a sidewalk counselor. Sure, I'd gone to pray outside an abortion mill during 40 Days for Life – done my hour and left - and willingly signed up for an hour the next year. I hadn't really considered doing more. But during a reception at a pregnancy center, when I was asked to sidewalk counsel, to stand outside an abortion mill and talk to women and men who feel that their only decision is to kill their babies, of course I said no.

I said no. God couldn't want me. I wouldn't know what to say. How awful it would be if whatever I said or did made things worse.

Yet somehow I found myself six months later at the Catholic Pro-Life Committee's training for prayer partners and sidewalk counselors. I was just looking for information and okay, I might become a prayer partner, standing in prayerful support, asking the Holy Spirit to give the counselor words to touch hearts so lives could be saved.

As usual, what I had in mind for me was not what God had in mind. I started out praying for an hour, but found myself staying longer. That young woman was crying while the counselor talked to her. Please, Blessed Mother, help her – help them both.

On another day, a very young teenager came out after her abortion and sat on the curb just outside the door, rocking herself, waiting for her ride. I called out to ask her if she wanted to talk to us, but she shook her head. One of the counselors describes women who come out of the abortionist's office as being "shredded." That's exactly what she looked like.

There are also beautiful smiles and joyful laughter from those who decide to keep their babies. The only happy people coming out of the abortionist's are ones who have chosen life.

If you feel that God has placed on your heart the desire to be a prayer partner or sidewalk counselor, please sign up at www.prolifedallas.org for the next **Convert-to-Life training on Saturday, June 22 from 8:30am – 1pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.** If you have questions, contact Joanne Underwood at junderwood@prolifedallas.org. You can reach me at susan@plattstuff.com.

Being a prayer partner/sidewalk counselor is the hardest work I've ever done – and the most important. See what God can do with you.

Susan Platt is a parishioner and a member of the St. Michael Pro-Life Committee. She has been a sidewalk counselor outside the Routh Street abortion center on Friday mornings for three years.

Pro-Life Committee accepting nominations for elections in August

Nominations for the St. Michael Pro-Life Committee officers are now open. Any member of the parish is eligible, and all are invited to participate in the nomination process at the June 6th meeting in Room 140.

Current nominations include:
President - Reg Platt
Vice President - OPEN
Treasurer - Susan Platt
Secretary - Mary Ann Harman
It could be YOU!

DRIVERS NEEDED

Help young **Gabriel Angels** moms get to meetings. Call Patty Sherrod, Director of Ministries 972-235-5554

Quarterly Mass, Adoration & Rosary Procession Come to St. Michael on July 20

Mass may be said in memory of abortion victim Tonya Reaves, killed July 20, 2012 in Planned Parenthood facility in Chicago



Tonya Reaves

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. by Rev. Joseph A. Mehan at St. Michael, Garland, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a Rosary Procession by bus to Planned Parenthood abortion center, 7424 Greenville Ave., Dallas. We will return to St. Michael's for closing Benediction.

For more information, please contact Joanne Underwood at 214-261-8499, 469-767-5785, or junderwood@prolifedallas.org.



NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION 2013 *in* DALLAS

June 27-29
Hyatt Regency DFW



Join the National Pro-Life Grassroots Network

The annual meeting of pro-life grassroots leaders and experts from across the country will be in Dallas, Texas, this summer!

The National Right to Life Convention is a three-day event featuring more than 100 pro-life speakers and countless topics.

Register Today!

For more information, go to
<http://stoptheabortionagenda.com/convention/>

POWERLESS: MEN AND ABORTION

Abortion hurts the lives of not only women, but of everyone

by Reg Platt

If you are a man, you hear this a lot in the abortion debate: "It's a women's issue. A man has no right to an opinion about it. It doesn't concern you."

Don't believe it.

Abortion supporters use this argument for two main reasons. First, it is used to silence men, removing half the population from the debate and invalidating their opinions. "You can't get pregnant," it goes, "so your opinion doesn't matter."

The second use is made by other men, and is designed to ease their consciences. "It's the woman's choice," they will say, "and you can't influence her in any way." They will reject a man's objections, because it justifies their own inaction.

I fell into that second category. In 1976, when my wife from my first (and now annulled) marriage discovered she was pregnant, I was delighted. But when she decided to abort so that she could take a dance role she'd been cast in, I made no objection.

"It's your choice," I told her. "I support you." What I wanted to do was scream, "Don't do this! Please don't do this!"

I drove her to the abortionist instead.

I felt powerless. And according to the law, I was. I had no reproductive rights. And I still don't.

Worst of all, I was also a coward. Because I couldn't face up to what we'd done—more specifically, what I'd done, I gave in entirely. I was afraid to appear "unenlightened," to go against the prevailing attitude of



society—at least, the society I kept—but most of all, I was afraid to lose her. I mashed it down and pretended it was alright for the sake of our marriage, which I wanted to preserve at any cost, even my self-respect.

Six months later, it was all over. We fought over small things. We strayed from our vows. We lied and betrayed each other. I wound up living on the streets of Houston for six months.

I did drugs, alcohol and things I'm even less proud about. I couldn't turn to God because I couldn't even face what I'd done, what I'd *allowed* to happen.

Sure, I had no legal right to stop her. It was her body, her choice, her reproductive right, so I did nothing. What else could I have done?

I could have argued for the life of my child. I could have insisted that this was wrong, no matter what the courts said. I could have shown her my pain.

I could have *just asked* her. Even a simple "Please don't do this."

Anything but nothing.

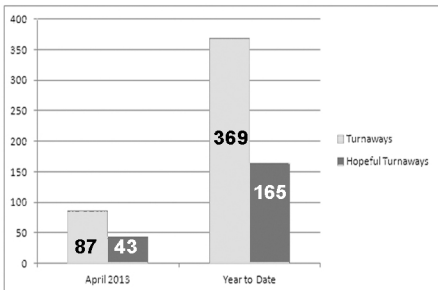
It took me years to come back to the Church and forgiveness. If you're in this position, men, don't wait. It took me too long, but now I know that I can never do nothing about this again.

The woman's not the only one who needs forgiving.

Reg Platt is a parishioner and President of the St. Michael Pro-Life Committee. He can be reached at 214-392-4098 or ProLifeCentral@aol.com.

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Saves at the 5 Local Abortion Centers



Data provided by Convert to Life Ministry of CPLC.

GREAT TURNOUT FOR PRAYER VIGIL!

We had 16 people for the May 18th Prayer Vigil at Southwestern late-term abortion center. Won't you join us in prayer and witness? Together, we can stand up for the Culture of Life. The babies thank you.



A Prayer for Life

Lord God of Life and Love,

*We ask that You send Your Spirit upon us
that we who have sinned against Life
may truly repent and be forgiven,
and rejoin Your Body as full participants
in communion with You and each other.*

This we ask through Jesus' name.

Amen.

Email Reg Platt at ProLifeCental@aol.com or
call 214-392-4098 for more pro-life information.


Fourth Annual
Culture for Life
Concert

Sunday, June 9, 2013
Presented at
Museum of Biblical Art
7500 Park Lane
Dallas, Texas 75225

Call 214-298-1324
or visit
catholicpcpdallas.org

Tickets \$100 - \$250



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and prayer
intentions
in defense of Life.

St. Michael's - Garland



Letting in the Holy
Spirit since 33 A.D.

St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee

meets on the **first Thursday**
of every month except July.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON:

June 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
in Room 140

We pray at the Southwestern late term
abortion clinic on
the **third Saturday** of each month.

OUR NEXT VIGIL IS ON:

June 15, 2013 after 8:00 a.m Mass
at the corner of
Greenville Avenue & Royal Lane
(see inside for map)

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