Keeping the Pressure on Planned Parenthood

Pro-lifers at seven different locations in Minnesota participated in #ProtestPP’s first annual nationwide protest of Planned Parenthood on April 23. Nationally, nearly 11,000 pro-lifers came out to 228 protests, calling for Planned Parenthood to be stripped of all government funding, and demanding that all charges against undercover journalist David Daleiden be dropped.

“Selling of aborted baby parts, callously joking while picking through the remains after abortions, unethically changing abortion procedures to ‘procure better specimens,’ and absolute disregard for precious human life before birth are among the shocking revelations that came from the undercover videos last summer,” said Brian Gibson, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries.

In several states PP and other abortion facilities have been found illegally disposing of babies’ bodies in landfills and incinerators and by other means, and numerous other violations have been found with regard to those states’ abortion regulations. And there have even been findings of Medicaid fraud.

The undercover videos also revealed that abortion clinic(s) in Minnesota have been violating our fetal disposition law but Planned Parenthood has not had to account for how it disposes of the bodies of unborn babies, being shielded from investigation by Gov. Mark Dayton.

“There has been a glimmer of hope coming from our state House of Representatives,” said Brian. “Twice, a bill to defund Planned Parenthood has passed committees. Though this legislation may never be seen or heard in the Senate and will certainly be vetoed by Gov. Dayton, it has brought hope to many pro-lifers that something can be done, even at the State Capitol, and Planned Parenthood has had to go on the defensive.”

A national protest will be held on the

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*Sidewalk Counselors’ Appreciation Dinner*

As a token of our deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by the volunteer sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters who regularly go out to the abortion centers in Minnesota, we put on an annual dinner for them. This year it was held on April 28 at St. John’s Church in New Brighton with about 90 people enjoying the dinner, program and fellowship.

We celebrated lives saved and watched a touching video testimony from one of the women who chose life this past year. We also watched a video created just for us which featured national pro-life leaders thanking us for our presence outside the local abortion centers, and we were reminded of Pro-Life Action Ministries’ enduring focus on direct action by listening again (via memorial videos) to co-founders, the late Brothers Michael Gaworski and Paul O’Donnell.

If you are not already part of our sidewalk counseling and prayer team, we would love to have you join us! For more information, contact Ann Redding, Sidewalk Counseling Coordinator, at ann.redding@plam.org or (651)797-6365.
Summer – A Time to Stand for Life

As we come into the summer months the need for individuals and groups to be present at the abortion facilities increases.

In Minnesota many who have braved the harsh weather of winter take time to vacation and enjoy our short summers. This desire to get away, often “up north,” comes from our sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters too.

In Central Florida there are the very hot and humid days that drain our sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters who risk this weather in a similar manner to those who risk the bitter cold of the northern winters.

School is out, leaving mothers (who join with us while their children are in school) with the need to attend to the presence of their children during summer vacation.

But the killing of our defenseless brothers and sisters continues regardless of these seasonal changes. Our need to be present, to offer prayer, to reach out with God’s love and the amazing pro-life help available, and to simply be there for those children we cannot save remains just as important as at any time of the year.

Take time this summer to stand for life. Make this a scheduled commitment. Put it on your calendars in your smart phones. Come out as families. Come out individually. Bring your prayer group or Bible study group. Come once a month or twice a month or every week. But come. Be present. Stand for life!

From Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)

Pope Francis on the Unborn Child and Abortion

* The Psalmist says: “You knit me together in my mother’s womb” (Psalms 139:13). Every child growing within the mother’s womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer.1:5). Each child has a place in God’s heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator’s eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances. (168)

* Here I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother’s womb, that no alleged right to one’s own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the “property” of another human being. (83)

* Adoption is a very generous way to become parents. I encourage those who cannot have children to expand their marital love to embrace those who lack a proper family situation. They will never regret having been generous. Adopting a child is an act of love, offering the gift of a family to someone who has none. It is important to insist that legislation help facilitate the adoption process, above all in the case of unwanted children, in order to prevent their abortion or abandonment. (179)

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Sixth Annual
National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium

August 12-13, 2016  Staten Island, New York

Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 9:00 - 5:00

Location
Hampton Inn & Suites Staten Island
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$119 per night
(includes full breakfast)

• Designed to promote quality sidewalk counseling around the country
• Inspiring general sessions with national pro-life leaders
• Informative workshops for beginners and local leaders
• Praise and worship
• Fellowship and networking with other sidewalk counselors

Some of the topics to be covered:
– Spiritual Foundations of Sidewalk Counseling
– Purpose, Focus and Essence of Sidewalk Counseling
– Reaching Men
– Basic and Advanced Training Sessions
– Legal Rights of Sidewalk Counselors
– Organizing a Local Sidewalk Counseling Program

From past symposium attendees:
“What a tremendous blessing to meet and hear the wisdom of the top pro-life leaders in the country! It was also a great opportunity to meet sidewalk counselors from other states!”

“The symposium was a great experience for me and I will do anything to spread all of the information I got here to others.”

Symposium fee: $100 (includes Saturday box lunch)
To register, contact Jim at (651) 797-6361.

For more information, go to: plam.org/national-sidewalk-counseling-symposium/

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Local host: Priests for Life
Victory in U.S. Supreme Court

In a unanimous May 16 order, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the HHS mandate case (Zubik v. Burwell), vacated the lower court rulings. According to Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the Court has “offered the parties an opportunity to work out a mutually acceptable solution in the lower courts, that will both allow the government to pursue its objectives and allow us to practice our faith.” For details, see: priestsforlife.org. The mandate would have forced Priests for Life, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the 35 other petitioners and any other similar groups to include abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilizations in employee health plans or face unreasonably excessive, crippling fines. This case shows the great importance of this election because the next President and Senate will determine the make-up of the Court for decades.

#Protest PP (from page 1)

The victory means that the eight million people who demonstrate outside Planned Parenthood facilities each year will no longer be in violation of government policy. It is the right thing to do. The long term outcome of this case will prevent millions of children from being aborted.

In April, we had the chance to watch the children of the community be born. We encouraged everyone to keep in the battle for life by staying close to the Lord Jesus and speaking the truth. Protests also took place outside PP facilities in Richfield, Eden Prairie, St. Cloud, Virginia, and Moorhead, Minn.

Thirty people protested outside the Duluth PP on April 23. Jim Tuttle, Director of Pro-Life Ministries of Duluth, encouraged everyone to keep in the battle for life by staying close to the Lord Jesus and speaking the truth. Protests also took place outside PP facilities in Richfield, Eden Prairie, St. Cloud, Virginia, and Moorhead, Minn.

Regular Prayer Times Outside the Abortion Centers

We encourage you to join in with the following groups or start your own prayer time outside an abortion center. We strongly encourage prayer groups from all denominations. If you start going out and would like to have your group listed here, please contact Debra Braun at (612) 797-6364.

Orlando

All Women’s Health Center 431 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs
Tuesday 11:30 a.m., (Rosary), St. Margaret Mary, Jim (407) 864-8934
Wednesday 9:30 a.m., (Rosary), St. Mary Magdalene, Larry (407) 453-4583
Fourth Saturday 8:30 a.m., Liberty Christian Center, Yannick and Tabitha Rice (407) 600-5957

EPOC 609 Virginia Dr., Orlando
Saturday 10:00 a.m., Resound Ministries, Larry and Leah Ramirez (407) 340-0204
Third Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m., St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Nita (407) 737-2907

Planned Parenthood 726 Tampa Ave. (SW corner of the Citrus Bowl), Orlando
Wednesday 10:00 a.m., (Rosary), Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

St. Paul/Minneapolis

Little Canada Planned Parenthood 91 Viking Dr., W.
Second Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - noon, St. John’s Culture of Life Committee, Eric Cooley, Pastoral Minister, (651) 288-3268

Mildred Hanson abortion center 710 E. 24th St., Minneapolis
One Saturday a month 7:30 a.m., (Rosary), Bob (612) 247-1166

Planned Parenthood 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul
Thursday 5:00 p.m., (Rosary), Bob (612) 247-1166
Friday 9:30 a.m., (Rosary), led by a priest of the Archdiocese
Friday 3:00 p.m., (Rosary), Legion of Mary (612) 439-9098
Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., Hope Community Church, Brian (763) 221-5227
First Saturday 1:30 p.m. (Jericho March – silent prayer walk around block) Br. Max (651) 485-2896
Third Saturday 11:00 a.m., (Rosary), Cathedral of St. Paul Knights of Columbus #14752, Al Rohweder (651) 779-6171

Richfield Planned Parenthood 6527 Lyndale Ave., S.
Tuesday 1:15 p.m., (Rosary), Emily Koenig (Leave message at 612-824-0787.)

Robbinsdale abortion center 3819 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale
Daily 6:00 p.m., (Rosary), John (612) 913-2785
Saturday 10:00 a.m., (Rosary), led by Rev. Thomas Dufner
Last Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m., Hope Community Church, Sarah (612) 703-1407

Whole Woman’s 825 S. 8th St., Minneapolis
Saturday 7:30 a.m., (Rosary), Bob (612) 247-1166
Second Saturday 8:00 a.m., (Rosary), Joyce (612) 644-3232

Duluth

Women’s Health Center 32 E. First St.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m., (Rosary), Marie Opfahl (320) 384-6292

St. Cloud, Minn.

Planned Parenthood 451 E. Saint Germain St.
Wednesday 3:30 p.m., (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet), SCSU for Life, Brody Hagemeier (320) 292-4725
Friday 6:00 p.m., (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet), Knights of Columbus, Jim Tembrock (320) 253-1564

Rochester, Minn.

Planned Parenthood 1212 7th St., NW Call Paula (507) 398-5677 for details.
Babies Saved

Through God’s grace and your support, we have documented 32 babies saved so far this year! Following are four of these stories. For more reports, go to our website, www.plam.org, and click on “Baby Saved Stories.” Check back for new stories or send an e-mail to Ann Redding and tell her that you would like some stories sent to you when they occur — ann.redding@plam.org.

Twins saved on Good Friday!
In early April, we learned that a set of twins was saved from abortion at the St. Paul Planned Parenthood (PP) during our prayer vigil there on Good Friday! A woman, 17 weeks pregnant, received our literature from a volunteer sidewalk counselor as she drove into PP. Later she came out and while leaving, stopped to ask the sidewalk counselor where she could get help. The sidewalk counselor gave her our “Free Help” flyer. The woman contacted one of the centers and although still undecided for awhile, she eventually confirmed that she is NOT going to abort her children! Thank you to the sidewalk counselors and the thousands who came out to pray that day!

“Mono-Mono” Twins Saved in Duluth!
by Sarah Winandy
Assistant to the Director, Duluth Branch

Sometimes we get to witness God unfolding His plan before our eyes. It’s always exciting to be part of a bigger picture that affects lives for eternity.

We are not alone in this picture; it’s the body of Christ doing its part for the glory of God and His kingdom. Such is the case in this amazing story.

Pro-Life Ministries was contacted by a couple interested in opening their peaceful country home to any pregnant women needing assistance. In the very same time-frame a friend called us about his girlfriend who was planning to abort and he wanted advice. He called later to let us know she had changed her mind and cancelled the appointment!

Praise God! Then they found out she has mono-mono identical twins (in the same amniotic sac) which is very rare (one in 60,000 - 100,000 pregnancies) and high-risk. She was advised to be in a peaceful environment but is living in a shelter with their young daughter. Please pray that this mother will accept the offer of help from the couple with the peaceful home. Pray for their babies and for their daughter who has a rare (not contagious) blood disease.

“l can imagine the joy it feels to be a mum.”
by Ann Redding
Sidewalk Counseling Coordinator

"I'm fine, Ann, morning sickness has reduced a little bit," the young woman texted me. She had fancy emoji's which symbolized her happy mood.

When I had met her outside PP several days earlier, she was anxious and uncertain. She'd asked to see her ultrasound and said, "I saw my baby's heartbeat." She told me that 'back home' (she is not from the U.S.) the expectation is you are married before you have a baby. She agreed to go to McDonald's to talk and she told me, "I was hoping I'd see you when I came out (of PP)."

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The following gifts were sent to Pro-Life Action Ministries:

In Memory of . . .
Rachael K. Schumacher by Joan C. Schumacher
Natalie Roufs by David and Susan Roufs
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Mother’s Day

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Delores Schlosser by Bob and Rosemarie Rauen
Lorraine McKeague and Edna Reasoner by Mike and Terry Reasoner
Beatrice Deslauriers and Agnes Vaughan by Bobbi Vaughan
Toni Fredrickson by Kathy Fredrickson
Marjorie Namock by Sharon Rasmussen
Betty J. Dunne by Tom Dunne
Marcella Braun by Debra Braun

In Honor of . . .
Gertrude Braun by Theresa Walter
Elaine Bunczak by Mary Ann Bunczak
Marilyn Borash by Jackie Scheldorf

Thank you for your gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. An acknowledgment card is sent to the person or family you designate. (The amount of your gift is kept confidential.) If, in addition, you would like your memorial or honorarium published in Pro-Life Action News, please request that at the time of your donation.

If you would like to receive occasional e-mail notices and action alerts, send your e-mail address to prolife@plam.org.

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After talking at McDonald’s we went over to Abria, the pregnancy help center across the street. After she spoke with a counselor at Abria, we sat in her car and talked some more.

Her recent texts confirmed three things
1) She has a prenatal visit scheduled. 2) She will continue with college. 3) She is happy. “I can imagine the joy it feels to be a mum,” she texted me.

This is why we go to the abortion centers. So that mothers (and fathers) can experience the joy of being a mom or dad. Thank you for your part in this ministry which helps parents visualize this gift.

**Don’t be a coward like I was . . .**
*by Brian Walker, Program Director*

April 15 — Save today at Robbinsdale!
A young couple (boyfriend and girlfriend) walked in up the parking lot. I was on the platform on our chapel property next door.

I called them over, but the woman kept walking in and he came over. He confirmed she was pregnant and there for an abortion.

We talked and I told him my wife and I have been through this and there is a better way. I asked if he had a job and he said yes. I prayed for his child and encouraged him to go in and not be a coward like I was. I also pointed to the Robbinsdale Women’s Center across the street.

They were inside about 20 minutes tops and then came out and walked to the bus stop bench. I walked over to the bus stop and he said, “We didn’t do it.” He has my Pro-Life Action Ministries’ card and I encouraged him to call me.

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**Babies Saved** *(from page 5)*

A hallmark of our ministry has been confronting the evil of abortion with the love of Christ. This approach has included publicly identifying who the abortionists (and pro-abortion leaders) are. The practice of placing the names of abortionists in this newsletter has a twofold purpose: to ask for your heartfelt prayers for the conversion of those listed and to inform you so that you are not patients of those committing abortions.

The criteria for placing someone on this list is that the individual is directly involved in committing abortions and that this has been reasonably verified. We have resoundingly condemned any sort of physical or psychological threats to anyone involved in abortion. Our desire is for the love of God to permeate the lives of those associated with abortion, that they will turn away from the harm they inflict and become followers of Christ as so many before them have done. Please pray for the following abortionists:

**Minnesota**

- David Baram, Kristi Borowski, Robin Bresette, Steven Brown, Thomas F. Campbell, William Cliby, Peter D’Ascoli, Norman Davies, Sean Dowdy, Kathryn Eggleston, June Fahrmann, Abimbola Famuyide, Hope Frisch, Melvin Frisch, Lynn Hagedorn, Marilee Hanson, Rise Hatten, Liz Jordan, Beni Katz, Christopher Klingele, Frederick Kravitz, Mary Mahoney, Miriam McCreary, Catherine McKegey, George Miks, Judith Ney, Donna Randall, Carl Rose, Mark Tanz, Carrie Terrell, Kenneth Trofatter, Dirk Van Oppen, Wendy White, Timothy Wilson

**Orlando**

- Jodelle Allen, Fernando Betancourt, Ralph Bundy, Gary Dresden, Emil Felski, Kathy Hirtz, Darwin Jackson, Michael Loss, Merri Morris, Harvey Roth, James Pendergraft, Jose Raul Quintana, Christopher Saputa, Philip Waterman, Randall Whitney

**Is Your Doctor Involved in Abortions? Does Your Doctor Prescribe Abortifacient Birth Control?**

Ask your doctor if he/she does abortions or refers for them, or prescribes abortifacients such as the Pill, Ortho Evra (the “patch”), Depo-Provera (the “shot”), Nuva-Ring, the “morning-after pill,” implants, or the IUD. All these methods (and others) can cause very early abortions by thinning the lining of the uterus so that if breakthrough ovulation occurs (which is possible) and a new life is conceived, the young human being may not be able to attach to the uterine lining and therefore he or she dies. These methods can also be very dangerous, even deadly, to the woman. If you live in Minnesota and would like to go to a completely pro-life physician, we have a list of such doctors. Call (651) 771-1500.

**Natural Family Planning**

For information about the safe, effective and morally acceptable methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP), contact our office, or One More Soul at: 1-800-307-7685 or www.OMSoul.com. One More Soul has resources to help people understand how children are a great blessing from God, and how contraception is extremely harmful to women, and their marriages, and consequently to families, Church and society.
**Good Friday Prayer Vigils**

**St. Paul**

Participants took turns carrying a life-size cross outside the St. Paul Planned Parenthood (PP) on March 25. About 2000 attended our 34th annual Vigil and we found out later that a set of twins was saved that day! (See story, page 5.) Following the passion and death of Jesus Christ and remembering the 5000 babies killed each year at this abortion chamber, attendees kept a solemn presence for seven and a half hours. Fifteen area pastors of various denominations led the reading of Scriptures and prayers, one each half hour, throughout the day. Adding to the atmosphere were PP supporters whose carnival-like event contrasted with our solemn vigil. Those attending the Good Friday Prayer Vigil were able to further identify with the passion of Christ because of their presence.

**Duluth**

On Good Friday many dear Christians gathered for an hour and a half at the Building for Women (Duluth’s abortion center) to worship and pray for the end of abortion. The abortion center was open that day and 12 moms went in. Knowing this, a weighty sorrow filled us. Eight local pastors spoke from the Scriptures regarding the passion of Christ and the tragedy of abortion. Twelve roses were held representing the twelve babies and a large cross was lifted up for those who were driving by as a witness to the passion of Christ and our faith and hope in Him. It was a sober time together as we remembered the cross and prayed for those in the building. Thank you to all who came and to the pastors who each gave a meaningful message. To see this in video on YouTube, type, “Good Friday Meeting in Front of the Abortion Clinic.”

— Sarah Winandy, Assistant to the Director, Duluth Branch

**Central Florida**

Our Good Friday Service outside All Women’s Health Center (AWHC) was a beautiful time honoring the Lord for what HE has done for us, even in the midst of darkness. We stood on the side driveway, right outside of the waiting room window, and prayed, sang hymns and worship songs, and read scripture.

— Michele Herzog

Central Florida Branch Manager
Register now for the National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium!
August 12-13, 2016
Staten Island, N.Y.
See page 3.

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Check out our website for all this and more:
* More baby saved stories!
* Upcoming events
* Pro-life prayers
* Sidewalk counseling resources
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### Calendar of Events

#### St. Paul

**August 12-13** — Sixth Annual National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium (see page 3)

**September 6** — Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar, University of St. Thomas
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call (651) 797-6364 for information.

**September 10** — National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
10:00 a.m., Resurrection Cemetery, 2101 Lexington Ave. S., Mendota Heights, Minn.

**September 28 – November 6** — Fall “40 Days for Life” Campaign
Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, Minn. Call 651-797-6363 to “Adopt a Day.”

#### Orlando

**June 23 and July 28** — “Jesus Loves the Little Children” Days
9:45 - 11:00 a.m. — Planned Parenthood, 726 Tampa Ave., Orlando

#### Duluth

**Summer** — Cemetery of the Innocents — Call (218) 393-4954 to set up at your church.

**June 18** — March for Life, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
This is a prayer march, not a fund-raiser. Please let us know if you can join us.

**July 4** — Pro-Life witness in Superior, Wis. parade — Call (218) 393-4954
(See page 2 for contact information to obtain details about any of these events and other ongoing daily and weekly activities. See also “Regular Prayer Times” on page 4.)