But Planned Parenthood Increases its Killing

Abortions Continue Downward Trend in Minnesota

by Debra Braun
Education Director

The Minnesota Department of Health released its annual “Induced Abortions in Minnesota” report July 1, showing a continued overall downward trend in abortions in the state. However, Planned Parenthood (PP) continues to increase its “market share” of the abortions in Minnesota. PP committed 6292 of the 9910 reported abortions in 2018 (more than 63%). The number of abortions in Minnesota has declined 48% since 1980, but PP’s total has increased 44% just since 2013. (PP moved into its new, large abortion facility on Vandalia St. in St. Paul in December 2011). This follows the national trend in abortion numbers and PP’s share of abortions. Meanwhile, PP’s non-abortion clients have dropped dramatically in recent years. The recent firing of the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), Dr. Leana Wen (see page 2), confirms what pro-lifers have been saying for a long time, that PP is focusing its efforts more and more on abortion.

2018 Minnesota Abortion Statistics

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<td>Planned Parenthood of MN, ND, SD (St. Paul and Rochester)</td>
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<td>Whole Woman’s Health of the Twin Cities (downtown Minneapolis)</td>
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Chemical abortions (the “abortion pill”) comprised about 37% of the state abortion total. Of its total abortion count, Whole Woman’s committed the greatest percentage of chemical abortions—about 42%, with PP next at 40%. (Sidewalk counselors, please be aware of the large number of abortion clients who would benefit from hearing about abortion pill reversal so their babies could have a second chance! The contact information — abortionpillreversal.com, 877-558-0333 — is on our brochures, including the green post-abortion resource list.)

Here are some of the reasons women gave for their abortions in 2018 (more than one reason could be given and some women refused to answer):

* 73% “does not want child at this time”
* 20% economic reasons (down from 24% in 2017)
* Less than 2% for “fetal anomalies”
* Less than 1% for rape or incest
* Less than 1% because the pregnancy could “cause impairment of major bodily function” of the mother

A lawsuit challenging all of Minnesota’s anti-abortion laws was filed in Ramsey County District Court May 29 by the Lawyering Project and Gender Justice on behalf of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, an anonymous abortionist and an anonymous certified nurse-midwife who wants to commit abortions.

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Politics Behind Leana Wen’s Firing

by Bradley Mattes
President, Life Issues Institute

(The July 16) announcement that Planned Parenthood fired their new president didn’t come as a surprise to close observers of this abortion conglomerate.

Leana Wen’s association with Planned Parenthood was doomed from the start.

From the beginning, several questioned why a respected doctor from the Baltimore Department of Health would attach her name and reputation to the largest chain of abortion centers in America. Of course, we understood why Planned Parenthood chose her. They wanted to hide behind the respectability of the medical profession by having the first medical doctor lead the organization in over 50 years.

Wen’s motivation for taking the job appeared to be evident in her written statement after her termination. She expressed a naïve goal to refocus the organization on ensuring that abortion “is not a political issue but a health care one...” Wen’s staff even orchestrated a media campaign announcing her new title, emphasizing that abortion is healthcare.

Planned Parenthood’s leadership enjoyed the image a physician would portray, but it had no intention of changing course. Wen’s crime was that she had set goals at odds with Planned Parenthood’s chief mission — to wield raw political power to ensure ongoing abortion on demand throughout America.

Leana Wen had to go.

To ensure a political focus, she will be temporarily replaced by Alexis McGill Johnson, a political operative and former board member.

Wen learned of her dismissal shortly before a public announcement. She tweeted that she had been fired after a “secret meeting,” and the powers that be took little time in demonizing its former president.

A BuzzFeed article of the same day laid the groundwork by quoting unnamed sources who criticized Wen of bringing in an entire “system of insanity,” disregarding board directives, and making factually inaccurate statements. Not to be confused with Cecile Richard’s false (and supported) statements that the organization provided mammograms.

If one doubts Planned Parenthood’s ability to demonize its opponents, recall David Daleiden, whose undercover videos revealed that the group sold body parts of aborted babies. Or Karen Handel, Susan G. Komen’s vice president for public policy, who resigned in the aftermath of their decision to defund Planned Parenthood and wrote a book about the experience entitled Planned Bullyhood. Earlier, when AT&T made a similar decision, Planned Parenthood accused that company of “corporate cowardice.”

It’s easy to understand that Planned Parenthood’s board of directors would feel frustrated by the numerous unfriend-

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Guest Editorial

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“Adopt-A-Day” is back for churches and organizations!
40 Days for Life Twin Cities Fall 2019

Individuals — Pray and witness any time, any day

Opening Prayer Vigil
Wednesday, September 25 — 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer Vigil
Sunday, November 3 — 3:00 p.m.

Plan for your church or organization to Adopt-A-Day this fall. Organize NOW to recruit participants. To be designated an official “Adopt-A-Day,” your church, organization or family must schedule two or more persons, per hour, praying on the public sidewalk at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. To have your church, organization or family name placed on the calendar, you must meet these guidelines.

Smaller churches can join other churches and organizations to fill your hours. (While the “Adopt-A-Day” hours are from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., we encourage individuals to come out and pray at any time.) Our goal this fall is to have ALL 40 Days for Life filled! For more information, e-mail Brian Walker, Program Director, Pro-Life Action Ministries, at brian.walker@plam.org. (Subject: 40 Days for Life Fall 2019) or call (651) 797-6363. Website: plam.org/events/

Some of our Recent Activities:

Pro-Life Apologetics Training with Josh Brahm, Returning This Fall!

Seventy people attended an excellent pro-life apologetics seminar June 22 conducted by Josh Brahm, President and Co-Founder of the Equal Rights Institute. Using compelling anecdotes from his own extensive experience, Josh taught participants how to think clearly and reason honestly in order to persuade those on the other side to consider and embrace the pro-life position. In this photo, attendees pair up to practice Josh’s dialogue tips.

If you missed this seminar, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9, when Pro-Life Action Ministries will be bringing Josh back for another all-day training!

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On the Front Lines

“I'm Okay...”

by Michele Herzog
Central Florida Branch Manager

While ministering at the OWC abortionary on a recent Saturday, we noticed a car pull into the driveway with what appeared to be a mom and her daughter. When they pulled into the parking space in the back of the building, they remained in their vehicle for about ten minutes, talking.

Slowly, they opened the car doors, got out, and began to walk up the driveway toward the front door. From the moment both women stepped out of the vehicle, they heard offers of help and the truth of abortion from sidewalk counselors. The abortion bound daughter, who appeared to be pretty far along, was very cold and sarcastic, telling all of us that she was “okay.” We let her know that she was not okay going into a place like this that kills little baby boys and girls, and that her son or daughter’s life was in peril! We pleaded with her to not go into that place of death, but this time she had the courage to leave, and the seriousness of this situation. We then asked her if she was a follower of Jesus, and she said yes, and we immediately told her that as a Christian she can not take part in this unfruitful deed of darkness and this shedding of innocent blood, with the echoes of the man on the phone saying, “Yes, yes, this is right!”

We gave scriptures to both of them, talking for quite some time, and then she thanked us and walked down the driveway where Doug (another sidewalk counselor) was standing. He then began to talk with her and had a conversation with the man on the phone as well! After this other encounter, with each one of us pleading for the life of her grandchild and encouraging her to trust Jesus and do what is right in the sight of the Lord, she went back to her car.

About ten minutes later, her daughter came out, walking toward the back. Again we pleaded with her to leave, to be the mama who protects her child, and to let no harm come to her innocent baby. Her responses were the same as before, "I'm okay, I'm okay." She stood outside the car talking with her mother for quite a while and then she stubbornly and briskly walked away from the car, heading back up the driveway into this place of death and destruction and went back inside.

The mother had exhausted every effort to try to save her grandchild, everything, but this time she had the courage to leave because she did not want the blood of her innocent grandbaby on her hands. She now understood the severity of this situation!

Adreene, one of the other sidewalk counselors, had said to her earlier, "the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1b) because she was acting so timid, and frightened of her daughter. The fear that she had of her daughter transferred to the fear of God and she left that place of death!

Unfortunately, the daughter stayed, and unless there was a miracle that we aren't aware of, that precious little baby was dismembered, dying a very painful and barbaric death and ending up in the Apopka dump like trash!

We are thankful, though, that we had so much time to minister to the mother and we thank God for the man who she was talking with. Her faith was shaken, and she understood what fearing God means, and not fearing man. She experienced being bold as a lion as she tried several times to save her grandchild, but also understood and learned without a doubt, the severity of taking part in the execution of her grandchild and the seriousness of innocent bloodshed.

All of our hearts weep for the little one who was valiantly fought for, and all the other close to 40 babies who lost their lives so tragically under the guise of choice that Saturday. One thing is for sure — there were people pleading for these babes, being a voice for them and trying to rescue them amidst vulgar words, fists right up into our faces, threats from employees that they would call the police, angry fathers, and so much more. There were people who cared for them and cried for them.

Can we weep for the children?
down the path that she had walked down. When I got out, and I rushed over to introduce myself. I asked if there was anything I could do, and the mother said that her daughter could use a hug! So I hugged her immediately. We talked for quite some time in the driveway; I shared my testimony about abortion, and then we talked about her situation a bit. She said it was her third time coming late for an appointment to abort. I told her God didn’t want her to abort. She stated that babies are a blessing, but she also started crying. I told her I understood that circumstances can be overwhelming but that she can make it through them with our help. I told her again that she will get the help she needs. She then drove to the help center. After my shift I went to see that she was there. She was!

### Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar

**Thursday, October 3**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart Church**
(Marian Rooms)

4087 W. Broadway Ave.
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Learn how to save babies by peacefully reaching out to those entering abortion centers! Prayer supporters are also welcome. No charge.

For more information or to register, contact: debra.braun@plam.org or call (651) 797-6364.

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**Wen’s Firing (from page 2)**

The unexpected turn of events this past year. For example, various states have passed substantial protections for their state’s unborn babies and mothers, and President Trump is doing all within his ability to turn back the tide of abortion in America. Perhaps the last straw for Planned Parenthood’s leadership was the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which has in the past sided with their abortion agenda. The ruling allowed President Trump’s Protect Life Rule to be implemented immediately, impacting federal tax funding.

History is repeating. Planned Parenthood’s board made an almost identical decision in 1995 when their new president, Pamela Maraldo, a former top executive of the National League for Nursing, had similar goals to Wen. She too had to go.

Planned Parenthood’s actions once again prove they are nothing more than a chain of abortion facilities, and that they will focus on maintaining political muscle to keep it that way.

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**Pray for...**

**Malcolm Jones**

Malcolm Jones is another circuit-rider abortionist for the AllWomen’sHealthCenter (AWHC) abortion chain, of which there are ten mills sprinkled around the central part of the state of Florida. He periodically drives over to the AWHC in Altamonte Springs (none of the abortionists there live in the area) to cover for the regular abortionists. Please pray for this man, that he will repent of the shedding of innocent blood, something that he has been doing for years, leave the abortion industry, and surrender his heart to Christ.

—Michele Herzog

_Central Florida Branch Manager_

**Listing Abortionists**

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**

Carol E. Ball, 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, Kimberly Fischer, Hope Frisch, Melvin Frisch, Lynn Hagedorn, Marilee Hanson, Rise Hatten, Judith Johnson, Liz Jordan, Beni Katz, Christopher Klingele, Frederick Kravitz, Mary Mahoney, Miriam McCreary, Catherine McKegney, George Miks, Judith Ney, Donna Randall, Carl Rose, Mark Tanz, Carrie Terrell, Sarah Traxler, Kenneth Troffater, Dirk Van Oppen, Wendy White, Timothy Wilson

**Central Florida**

Jodell Allen, Fernando Betancourt, Ralph Bundy, Gary Dresden, Emil Felski, James Gengelbach, Kathy Hirtz, Darwin Jackson, Michael Loss, Christ-Ann A. Maglore, Merri Morris, Harvey Roth, James Pendergraft, Jose Raul Quintana, Frank Rodriguez, Christopher Saputa, Philip Waterman, Randall Whitney

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**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 would like the names of completely pro-life physicians, see www.onemoresoul.com/nfp-directory. In Minnesota, you may also call our office at (651) 771-1500.

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**Natural Family Planning**

For information about the safe, effective and morally acceptable methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP), contact 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 very harmful to women, and their marriages, and consequently to families, Church and society.
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 (651) 797-6364.

Central Florida

All Women’s Health Center 431 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs
Tuesday 10:45 a.m. (Rosary) St. Margaret Mary, Barbara (407) 647-9230
Thursday 9:30 a.m. (Rosary) St. Mary Magdalen, Larry (407) 453-4583
Fourth Saturday 8:30 a.m., Liberty Christian Center,
Yannick and Tabitha Rice (407) 600-5957

Orlando Women’s Center (OWC) 1103 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando
Second Saturday 8:30-11:30 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus and Ascension K of C groups from Melbourne, Tony (321) 917-8694
Third Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m., St. Paul’s Presbyterian 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
Third Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Maria (651) 777-4585
Please join us in praying and/or holding signs.

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
First Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary, Chaplet, Silence) A Community Caring for Life,
Michael Gross, gross-me@outlook.com
Third Saturday 11:00 a.m. (Rosary) Cathedral of St. Paul Knights of Columbus #14752,
AI Rohweder (651) 779-6171

Richfield Planned Parenthood 6527 Lyndale Ave., S.
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (Rosary) Helen (612) 822-8360

Robbinsdale abortion center 3819 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale
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

WE Health Clinic 32 E. First St. (Building For Women)
Tuesday 7:30-9:30 a.m., Sarah Winandy (715) 969-4506
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Marie Opsahl (320) 384-6292
Thursday and Friday 7:30-9:00 a.m., Sarah Winandy (715) 969-4506

St. Cloud, Minn.

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

Rochester, Minn.

Planned Parenthood 1212 7th St., NW Call Diana (507) 438-7742 for details.

Minn. Abortions

had previously given birth. About 40% had previously aborted (26 women had nine or more previous abortions).

Although gestational age was not reported for 152 abortions, the latest abortion reported was at 39 weeks, with three other babies killed between 31 and 36 weeks, and 161 between 21 and 23 weeks (when survival outside the womb is possible). Three abortion procedures resulting in born-alive infants were reported. Presumably these were reported by hospitals killing special-needs babies. It is extremely unlikely that the abortion mills that do late-term abortions (PP, Whole Woman’s, and Mildred Hanson’s) would report any live births (although required to since July 2015), particularly if they illegally kill abortion survivors or traffic in aborted baby parts. (See our website, plam.org, for documentation of these practices.)

Quoting from the Minnesota abortion report regarding the three born-alive infants in 2018: “In one instance . . . (t)here were anomalies incompatible with life. No measures taken to preserve life were reported and the infant did not survive. In one instance, comfort care measures were provided as planned and the infant did not survive. In one instance, the infant was previable. No measures taken to preserve life were reported and the infant did not survive.”

Nearly 649,000 unborn babies have been killed in Minnesota since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, according to re-

Here are the average number of babies killed per abortion day at the remaining three Twin Cities mills:

Planned Parenthood – 21
Whole Woman’s – 9
Robbinsdale - 4

Please join our sidewalk counseling and prayer team so that we will be able to offer life-saving alternatives to each and every one of these mothers!

Editor’s note — Thanks to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) for some of this information.
National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children — September 14 —

On this 7th annual Day of Remembrance, solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at gravesites and at other memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies across the U.S.

The vigil sponsored by the Central Florida branch of Pro-Life Action Ministries will be in Melbourne, Fla. For the location, call (407) 230-2559. The vigil will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Minnesota, join Pro-Life Action Ministries at Resurrection Cemetery, 2101 Lexington Ave. S., Mendota Heights, MN 55120 as we remember the 13 aborted babies buried there (found in the Robbinsdale Clinic dumpster in 1987). The prayer vigil will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

abortionmemorials.com