



Citizens Concerned for Human Life Cambria-Somerset Chapter

Fall/Winter 2023

Welcome to all who receive and read this newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas Season, getting together with your family and friends to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

God is the Creator of all, and He loves all He created. He has a special love for mankind because He made man in His image. He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to tell us of the Father's love for us and to be our Savior. This is why abortion is such a grave sin, it denies God is the Creator; it denies God's love for us. It, abortion, betrays Jesus's and the angel's message, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

As you already know, this past January marked the 40 years of legalized abortion in our country. Forty years of grave mortal sin against God, over 56 million American lives not with us, children God created, children He knows, named, and loves. We are a people who believe that God has called us to bring the truth of His love to others who do not believe. It is a tremendous undertaking.

We sometimes grow weary and sometimes lose sight of our goal, but, just as He, Jesus, told Peter after Jesus preached from the boat on the seashore: "Put out to the deep and cast your nets." Peter replied, "Lord, we have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything! But at your word, I will do it."

So, Peter pulled out and cast the nets again trusting in Jesus, and the catch was astounding! So, it will be with us if we just listen to the Lord, continue to pray, and work for the Absolute Truth. Remembering that the lives of the unborn, the elderly, and the handicapped have a dignity assigned by God.

God loves His creation; we are His witnesses. Do not give up hope, cast your nets one more time; your catch will be astounding!

May you and all your family and friends have a very Blessed and Joyous New Year!

Love and prayers always,
Ann E. Poole

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Attention Pro-Life Friends

We are trying to block House Bill 1786 from becoming law. This abortionist shield bill passed the PA House of Representatives recently. The legislation can be stopped in the Senate—but we need your help! Please send an immediate message to your state Senator to stop the legislation by visiting <https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/5YI00>.

We expect pro-abortion Democratic lawmakers in the PA House to push for additional pro-abortion legislation in the new year. Please watch our weekly email newsletter, *PA LifeLinks*, for updates.

Also, HB 1888 is currently in the works and we ask our readership to click on the following link: https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/messages/edit?promo_id=18546. This link reaches a specific lawmaker in a given swatch of territory and we encourage all to click to find this link to find their lawmaker.

Alternatively, one may telephone the PA House Judiciary Committee members below with this message: Please oppose House Bill 1888. I do not want my hard-earned tax money to pay for abortion.

Hon. Rob W. Kauffman, (717) 705-2004
Hon. Kate A. Klunk, (717) 787-4790
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Editor's Correction: Mr. Langerholc is a Senator representing the 35th District of Pennsylvania with a nearby office in Johnstown. He was incorrectly mentioned as a Representative of Pennsylvania in the Fall 2023 Edition.

Personal Reproductive Liberty

The Reproductive Rights Amendment is a dangerous proposed change to the Pennsylvania Constitution. Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates say that Pennsylvania must protect reproductive freedom by enshrining the right to abortion in the state Constitution.

This could completely remove important protections intended to protect pregnant women and their babies from harm. These include parental consent, informed consent, a 24-hour waiting period for abortion, and a ban on late-term abortion.

Lawmakers in the state House are taking the first steps to follow Vermont, Michigan, California, and Ohio in putting this question to the voters. Rep. Danielle Friel Otten (D-Chester) and Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D-Montgomery) are co-prime sponsors of House Bill 1888 which would create a “fundamental right to personal reproductive liberty,” in the state Constitution if voters approve.

House Bill 1888 is in response to an attempt in 2022 by GOP lawmakers to advance an amendment that would explicitly state that the Constitution provides no right to taxpayer-funded abortion or access to abortion.

To amend the constitution both chambers of the General Assembly must pass the same joint resolution in consecutive sessions. When the resolution has passed two times in each chamber, it is then placed on a statewide ballot in the next election. Voters must then choose whether or not the amendment should become part of the Constitution. The earliest referendum could take place as early as the spring of 2025.

Legal experts say that the proposed amendment could change existing Pennsylvania law by requiring courts to apply a “strict scrutiny” standard in reviewing current or future laws. This could mean that the state would have difficulty in justifying laws that restrict reproductive liberty.

Few abortion restrictions could survive this challenge and the likely consequence could be the striking down of longstanding Pennsylvania laws that have overwhelming support.

Dennis Ryniak

A Gift that Keeps on Giving

It’s that wonderful time of the year...picking out a tree, decorating the family tree, baking cookies, shopping, and seeing friends and family that you haven’t seen since last year.

The catchy Christmas tunes are playing nonstop on the radio, in the stores, and just about everywhere you go.

It's easy for one to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas -- the birth of our Lord, that innocent child in the stable. As my son and I went to a store at our local mall, we walked past the long line of children eagerly waiting to see Santa. Then I glance over on the other side of the escalator hidden out of sight is the manager line. Matthew and I got a front-row seat. We look in awe at this beautiful display. It recalled that it was the same back then...a king of nations born in a lonely dark, cold manger. How mixed up our society has become. COMMERCIALISM at its finest. It’s us who put Santa in front. If more people requested the nativity to be front and center, I wonder how they would react. I also can't help but wonder if

In Loving Memory of	Given by:
Nathan Kubat (My Daddy)	Katherine Kubat
In Thanksgiving for	Given by:
A Great-Grandchild & 3 Great-Great Grandchildren	Joan Kowalski

Because CCHL is an organization that celebrates life and the wonderful gifts that God sends forth, we would like to acknowledge your precious gifts in our newsletter. If you or someone you know has a life event you'd like to share, such as a recent birth, anniversary, or the passing of a loved one, please send us the details. We'll be happy to include this information in our next newsletter.

we were a little more vocal (not literally), would abortion come to an end? Yes, on January 22, there will be throngs of people descending on Washington, D.C., but what about all the other days of the year? What are we doing? Can we do more?

If each one of the readers did just one thing more than they normally do for pro-life, just one more thing. Then if they asked just one friend or family member to do one more thing ... maybe things would change. I don't know. I think people have become complacent because we want to see the most bang for our buck and when we give and give and try and try, we begin to become deflated when we don't see immediate results. But it's then that we must give more. I am asking you all to please dig deep, say one more prayer, write one more editorial, or do a first one, and get involved with CCHL, the opportunities are endless. There are so many jobs both big and small that you can do for this wonderful organization. Give Anne a call and ask. Perhaps as a gift to yourself you can give of your time, it'll always be the right size and it's the gift that gives back 100-fold. I'm a home-schooling mom of seven, so believe me, I know what I am asking of you, and it is possible, and it truly does give back!!! God bless you all during this blessed Advent season!!!

Heidi Bence

Editor's Note: This 2014 Reprint was authored by the Educational Director who served until 2018.

Pennsylvania State Pro-Life Speech Contest

Speak up for those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves. The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation contest is open to high school juniors and seniors. A Novice Contest will be held for high school freshmen and sophomores. Students must write and give an original 5–7-minute pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Students must video record the speech and submit the video and written speech to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation by April 15, 2024. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Senior Division (Grades 11 & 12) - 1st Place winner of the Senior High Oratory Contest and a chaperone will receive an all-expense-paid trip to attend the National Oratory Contest at the 2024 National Right to Life/Teens for Life Convention, representing Pennsylvania. 2nd place \$200 and 3rd place \$100. Junior Division (Grades 9 & 10) - 1st Place \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100.

For complete contest rules: www.paprolife.org or call 717-541-0034.

Please complete and Return ASAP!

I would like to renew my membership. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ (\$10 suggested annual dues) Make check out to CCHL Cambria/Somerset.
I would like to help out with mailings, fair booth, annual breakfast,

_____.

Please remove my name from the mailing list.

Print your name & phone #

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 1. CCHL Prayer Group:** Every Thursday from 3 PM to 4 PM there is a prayer vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood office in Johnstown, on Franklin Street. Please join us in prayer to end abortion.
- 2. CCHL Monthly Meeting.** Every second Tuesday of the month at Saint Michael's Church Hall. Saint Michael's, PA, at 7:00 PM. Meetings are open to the public. Come and join us.
- 3. CCHL Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast.** This year's breakfast will be held on October 19, 2024 (the third Saturday). The guest speaker will be Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life Action. The breakfast will be at the Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Auditorium.

Call any of the CCHL officers to get the details about, or to help with, anything listed on this page. Officers and their phone numbers are listed below.

Editor's Note: You can now make donations directly on the Citizens Concerned for Human Life: Cambria-Somerset Chapter website. Simply go to: <https://prolifecambriasomerset.org/> and click the "Donate" button in the top right corner.

CVS, Walgreens' Abortion Pill Rollout Endangers Lives

In a concerning departure from the reverence for human life, major pharmacy chains Walgreens and CVS are taking a controversial step by planning to offer the abortion-inducing drug mifepristone at selected locations across multiple states, disregarding moral and legal objections.

This decision involves navigating the complex landscape of state laws, with Walgreens intending to provide the abortion pill in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, and Illinois, and CVS in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. However, this move raises significant ethical concerns and logistical challenges that could strain their already burdened workforce. Pharmacists will need specialized certification to authorize pregnancy terminations, requiring meticulous scrutiny of prescriptions and patient criteria—a difficult position for those who prioritize a culture of life.

Interestingly, both companies have chosen not to offer mail delivery, likely due to concerns about violating fetal personhood laws and facing legal consequences from pro-life states that view these pills as unlawful abortifacients. This entry into the abortion industry may align with the moral views of certain generations but is deeply troubling to Christians and others who oppose abortion on the grounds of protecting the sanctity of life.

Furthermore, it's essential to acknowledge the sobering reality that numerous women in the United States have suffered severe consequences, including death, after taking mifepristone. Thousands more have experienced serious complications such as hemorrhaging, infections, and ruptured ectopic pregnancies—a stark reminder of the risks involved in prioritizing profit over the well-being of individuals.

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"Abortion Provider Appreciation Day" - A Grotesque Celebration of Death

March 10th marked "Abortion Provider Appreciation Day" - a twisted counterpoint to the solemn period of Lent observed by many Christians. Disgustingly, this involved praising those who commit the grisly acts of crushing, dismembering, and ripping apart innocent unborn children. Organizations like Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation lauded these "brave" providers for enabling abortion "no matter where they live."

In a disturbing display of moral inversion, there were even calls for a "lovefest on Twitter" and "messages of affirmation" directed at those who facilitate death rather than protecting life. This stands in stark contrast to the pro-life movement's ethic of upholding both mother and child through compassionate solutions that empower rather than destroy.

Heart wrenchingly, some women expressed being "thankful" for their own abortions, rationalizing it as a necessary step before feeling "ready" for subsequent children. One eerily remarked how "perfect" it was that her child's birthday coincided with celebrating her abortionist - utterly failing to grasp the tragedy of that lost sibling. Such profound self-delusion aptly crystallizes the chilling mindset behind this grotesque annual "appreciation day."