

The City Council April Election

The mail-in ballots were sent out earlier than expected; hence, we did not include the Candidate Questionnaire in our April newsletter.

It is a pleasure to report the election of a majority of pro-life candidates!

The most important questions are those listed below.

The responses of the new Council members are listed below the questions.

City Council Candidate Questionnaire April, 2013

1. Do you consider yourself pro-life?
2. Based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, do you agree that:
 - A. The primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life given by the Creator?
 - B. Government does not have the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons?
3. Does your stand on the sanctity of human life take precedence over loyalty to your political party?
4. At what stage of development did we become persons? Single Cell (**S**), Birth (**B**), Other (**O**)
5. Is the sanctity of human life a foundational principle (**P**), or is it one among many issues of equal importance (**I**)?

Responses of the Winners

1	Don Knight	Y	Y	U	Y	O	I
2	Joel Miller	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P
3	Keith King	Y	*				
4	Helen Collins	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P
5	Jill Gaebler		*				
6	Andres Pico	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P

*Keith King – has a pro-life voting record as a Colorado State Representative and as a Colorado State Senator.
Jill Gaebler – did not respond to the survey

Pop Star, Justin Bieber – Pro-Life

In response to a Rolling Stone interview in 2011 about abortion, Justin Bieber responded: “I really don’t believe in abortion. I think [an embryo] is a human. It’s like killing a baby.”

Justin’s mother, Pattie Mallette, tells her story in “Nowhere but Up.” Her alcoholic father left when she was two years old. She suffered sexual abuse from outsiders from age 3 to 14.

Abandonment issues and abuse led Mallette to drugs, theft and depression in her teens. Because of an attempt at suicide she was sent to a mental ward, where she became a Christian.

Returning to her past way of life however, she found herself pregnant. Urged by friends to abort the baby, she refused because of her faith.

Mallette was forced to leave her home because of her refusal to abort. She moved, then, to a home for pregnant women.

After Justin Bieber was born, she lived off welfare and paychecks from part-time jobs.

Justin Bieber earned money, singing on the streets and playing the guitar and drums. At the age of 13, his YouTube videos went viral.

Mallette and Bieber moved from Canada to the United States to pursue his career. The pop singer is now the third most powerful celebrity in the world, according to Forbes Magazine.

Pattie Mallette has partnered with Movie to Movement to promote “Crescendo,” a short pro-life film based in the 18th century that deals with abortion, in hopes of raising \$10 million for crisis pregnancy centers around the world and...

“...encouraging young women all over the world just like me to let them know that there is a place to go, people who will take care of you and a safe home to live in if you are pregnant and think you have nowhere else to turn.”

Excerpts: Lu, Angela: “Bieber’s Mom...”
World On Campus, 23 Jan 13

The President's Corner

Memorial Gift

Received from

Bridget & Paul Miller

In memory of

Mira Kazmer

Our dear family friend who devoted her life to the unborn. She helped to create one of the first Right to Life groups in the country during the 1970's. She was from Jefferson, WI.

Thank you.

Pro-life successes have been absent at the state legislature this year. Several pro-life bills were introduced but none advanced. It can leave a Colorado pro-lifer feeling a bit depressed.

However, pro-life successes are occurring elsewhere in the country. In March, the Arkansas legislature overrode a veto by the governor to enact a law banning abortions after 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Later in March, the North Dakota legislature and a cooperative governor passed the "heartbeat bill," banning abortions on any unborn children whose heartbeat can be detected, sometimes as early as six weeks gestation.

The North Dakota legislature also referred a personhood amendment for a vote of the people, the first time a state legislature has done such a thing.

So, while things are looking grim in Colorado, we can take some measure of comfort in recognizing that the defense of life is realizing victories in other parts of the country. Our persistence in defending Life will bring these victories to our state.

Matt

Anna's Story - Part 3

It might have been easier to choose an abortion. There are many things that I would not have had to through if I had. It was harder than I have words to describe. But there are some things in life that are worth fighting for, and she was one of them.

I'm not a very big person, 5'0" and 95 lbs. I wasn't big then, either. So, due to my size and my age, I was deemed a high risk pregnancy. I had my first ultrasound at around 3 months, where I got to see her heart beat and I fell in love. That was when I decided that I couldn't give her up for adoption, either.

The next several months were hard. The looks and comments that I received from people everywhere were difficult to deal with, to say the least. I lost all but two of my friends. But knowing that I would have that little girl soon kept me going. I decided to name her Josey Ann, after a character in a book I had read.

On Friday, July 28, 1995, roughly six weeks before my due date, I went into labor. I was flown from Vernal, Utah, to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. They gave me some drugs to slow down the labor – my water had not broken yet – and steroids to help develop my daughter a little faster so she would have a better chance of surviving. She was born the following Monday, July 31. She weighed 4 lb.2 oz. and was 18" long.

To be continued in the June newsletter...

Our Ongoing Proposition...

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your newsletter by that mode? To "join the crowd" e-mail your name and address (for positive identification) to contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

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In Appreciation

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life received a donation of \$50.00 on behalf of Charlie Danaher's participation in the Runners for Life Relay race in the Boulder area.

Mr. Danaher thanks the donor for standing with the Life Runners in their efforts to restore a Culture of Life in our society.

We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

Late Term Abortions Available at High Cost

Two years ago, Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue, anonymously called abortionist James Scott Pendergraft IV's cell phone.

He told Pendergraft that his wife was almost 25 weeks pregnant and they wanted to terminate the pregnancy because of a "fetal anomaly."

Pendergraft told the caller to wire **\$6,000 cash** to a Florida bank account and promised to give directions for reaching an undisclosed clinic near Washington, D.C., as soon as the funds were transferred. The caller sounded uncertain.

"You're saying something that's a little bit odd. It's a secret place, and I have to wire you the money, and then-?" Pendergraft interrupted: "I've been in business for over 30 years, OK?"

He assured the husband that the procedure could begin as early as tomorrow. Pendergraft would not be doing the procedure.

The call confirmed that Pendergraft was running a late-term abortuary in Forestville, Md, **although he had no license in Maryland**. The Maryland center specialized in pregnancies beyond 24 weeks, using "intra-cardiac injection."

Pendergraft's website, LateTermAbortion.net, advertising his D.C. area availability explained the killing process:

"A spinal needle is guided slowly into the fetal heart, where a feticide agent or 50 [milliliters] of air is injected via a syringe to stop the fetal heartbeat."

Abortionists like Pendergraft charge \$5,000 to \$10,000 per late-term abortion, depending upon the gestational age. Maryland law prohibits abortions once the baby is far enough along to survive outside the womb.

However, it allows the killing if the mother feels **"distress...associated with the unwanted child"** which is so broad it renders the ban meaningless.

Across the nation, changes are being made. To date, 41 states limit abortions after "viability" or a specific gestational age. The fight for life continues.

Excerpts: Devine, Daniel James, "Lately dead";
World, 26 Jan 13

Sperm Donation's Effect

Sperm donation is bad for dads and kids, says John M. Smoot, who served as a trial court judge of Boston's Probate and Family Court from 1990 to 2012.

He cites information from "Sex Cells: The Medical Market for Eggs and Sperm" written by Rene Almeling, an assistant professor of sociology at Yale University. Her research shows the ills of commercial sperm donation.

First: The process of providing sperm degrades and objectifies men. After a man donates sperm, his profile is paraded on the internet like a bull at an auction.

Women "shop" for sperm based on features like height, weight, eye color, SAT scores, and athleticism.

Second: Selling sperm corrupts our society's concept of fatherhood. Humans should care for their children. Our society already suffers from an absentee father crisis.

What message does it send to children when men so obviously don't care when, where, or to whom their children are born? It damages a child's perception of what it means to be a man – and to be a father.

Third: The sperm sale industry **deliberately** creates fatherless children. The "buyers" are primarily single heterosexual women and lesbian couples.

Fourth: Sperm sales encourage the attitude that children are a commodity. Some of those children born are not fully accepted and loved because they fail to develop as advertised.

Fifth: Donor "anonymity" is often painful for the child conceived. Olivia Pratten, who is "donor-conceived", wrote in 2010:

"People who are infertile grieve not being able to pass on their lineage to their children. I grieve the same thing: not knowing the person who gave me [my lineage.]"

It is common for adult "donor-conceived" people to be called "ungrateful" when they, feeling great pain, speak against sperm and egg donation.

Excerpts: Smoot, John; "Why Sperm 'Donation'..."
Public Discourse; 27 Feb 2013

597 Babies Saved

40 Days for Life concluded on March 24. At least 597 babies were saved around the world!

Along with wonderful reports across the U.S. are those from Russia, where church members joined the worldwide campaign for the first time.

In Russia, the first country to legalize abortion in 1920, abortion remains the primary method of family planning for most Russian women.

The Source of Life Church in Vyborg reported: "It was an unforgettable experience meeting with the women at the door step of abortion centers.

"God gave us words of prayer, which would not have happened if we had just prayed at the church and did not come in contact with these women."

Asked to pray for a young woman whose mother wanted to force her to have an abortion, they visited the family and showed them a model of a 12-week baby. "Both mother and daughter broke into tears and the unborn baby was saved."

Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life

A New and Promising Leader

As the world watched, the Catholic Church saw the March 16 election of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio to be their 266th pope.

The Cardinal took the name of Pope Francis. What does he think about contemporary issues?

His 2011 book, *Sobre el cielo y la tierra (On Heaven and Earth)*, translated into English, is a wide-ranging dialogue with a well-known Argentinean rabbi, Abraham Skorka, on religious and social topics. On abortion, he writes:

"The moral problem of abortion is of a pre-religious nature because the genetic code is written in a person at the moment of conception.

"A human being is there. Not to allow the further development of a being which already has all the genetic code of a human being is not ethical.

"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself."

Mercatornet.com, March 15, 2013