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Obama advances his anti-life agenda

SOME KEY APPOINTMENTS

Dawn Johnson, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel: Formerly legal counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Abortion Rights Action League; has described modest abortion regulations as subjecting women to "involuntary servitude" and reducing women to "fetal containers."

David W. Ogden, Deputy Attorney General: Filed brief opposing the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act; acted as legal counsel on behalf of law professors filing a brief in support of Oregon's assisted suicide law.

Ellen Moran, White House Communications Director: Formerly executive director of Emily's List, a PAC that exclusively supports female pro-abortion candidates.

Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services: Pro-abortion governor of Kansas; consistently vetoed pro-life legislation; associated closely with 3rd-trimester abortionist George Tiller; hosted a party for Tiller and his staff at the governor's mansion in April 2007; obstructed investigations of Tiller's abortion practice.

Thomas Perrelli, Deputy Assistant Attorney General: Represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his successful effort to have his disabled wife killed by starvation and dehydration.

Melody Barnes, Domestic Policy Council Director: Member of the boards of Emily's List and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security: Pro-abortion governor of Arizona;

issued a law enforcement advisory on April 7 warning that pro-life groups may be trying to foment domestic terrorism.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

January 23 (third full day in office) - Repealed the Mexico City Policy, which prevented \$461 million in federal funding from going to agencies that provide or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in foreign countries.

February 27 - Repealed regulations to protect the right of healthcare professionals to refuse to participate in abortion.

March 9 - Repealed the prohibition on federal funding for embryo-destructive stem cell research, an action that will divert money away from ethical research on stem cells not obtained by killing human embryos.

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CARNATION PROJECT WORK SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Main Activities
Thu., May 7	1 to 9 PM	Make corsages. Fill special early orders.
Thu., May 7	3 to 5 PM	Set up small tents.
Busiest Day Friday May 8	1 to 9 PM	Make corsages. Unpack and sort carnations. Fill buckets with water and plant food. Bundle carnations. Assemble orders. Make special bouquets. Store filled buckets awaiting pickup.
Saturday May 9	8:30 AM to 9 PM	Fill orders. Prepare buckets. Make bouquets for special orders. Make corsages. Load vehicles. Make deliveries.
Sunday May 10	7:30 AM to 9 PM	Make deliveries and pickups. Make corsages. Count and separate returns. Clean buckets.
Monday May 11	9 AM to 5 PM	Make pickups.
Tuesday and days following	9 AM to 5 PM	Clean and store buckets. Do general cleanup.

*At the Jean & Ed Hammer Residence
2816 Florida Ave., Erie (814) 456-0376*

Mother's Day Carnation Project help needed

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is People for Life's most important annual fundraising effort. It is a very large undertaking that requires a lot of volunteers.

Please look over the Carnation Project Work Schedule and then call People for Life to select a time to do some pro-life volunteering.

Don't worry about bringing your lunch; lots of free food and drinks will be available.

If your church is not yet a Carnation Project sponsor, there is still time to get on board. Last-minute orders are welcome, so check with your pastor today. People for Life will be happy to work with you to make sure everything runs smoothly. This is an enjoyable and rewarding project. The carnations practically sell themselves!

For more information, call Ed or Jean Hammer, our carnation project coordinators, at 456-0376. Feel free to call *anytime*, including evenings until 11:00 PM and weekends. If no one answers, leave your

name and phone number; someone will return your call.

HOW IT WORKS Churches typically make the carnations available for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each, \$5.00 a half-dozen, and \$10.00 a dozen. Additional donations towards the educational work of People for Life are, of course, gratefully accepted.

Other churches prefer different approaches. Some, for instance, take orders from members of their congregations ahead of time. Others buy an exact number of carnations and give one to each mother. Churches are welcome to tailor the project to best suit their particular needs and preferences.

Carnations will also be available to purchase throughout the Mother's Day weekend at 2816 Florida Ave., Erie.

Help will also be needed during the week following Mother's Day, especially for cleaning and storing the hundreds of buckets used to transport the carnations.

STUDENTS: Volunteer for the carnation project and earn service hours while contributing to a very important cause.

CANDIDATE SURVEY Primary Election - May 19, 2009

Survey Questions

1. LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN...

If changes to *Roe v. Wade* make it possible, would you favor the enactment of a law prohibiting abortion, or prohibiting abortion with exceptions? (Please specify what exceptions, if any.)

2. LATE TERM ABORTIONS...

Should abortions be prohibited in all cases where the unborn child is mature enough to survive apart from his or her mother?

3. INFORMED CONSENT...

Should abortion providers be required to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, such as information about the medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of her unborn child, the availability of detailed information (provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) about fetal development and the possibility of medical assistance benefits if the woman decides to continue her pregnancy? (These things are currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

Key to Survey Table

D - Running on democratic ballot

R - Running on republican ballot

DR - Running on both ballots

Y - Yes **N** - No

nr - No response to survey

b - Blank; returned survey but did not answer specific question.

◆ - See additional comment

Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in UPPER CASE.

4. TIME FOR DELIBERATION... After initially consulting with a physician, should a woman who wants an abortion be given 24 hours to carefully consider her decision before an abortion is carried out? (This is currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT... If a woman seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, should the consent of at least one parent be required unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved? (This is currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING...

Should public funds be used to pay for abortions?

7. ASSISTED SUICIDE...

Should physician-assisted suicide be prohibited?

8. EMBRYO DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH...

Should public money be used to fund research that requires the destruction of human embryos?

Candidates' Additional Comments

Jack Anderson ♦1. My wife has been an RN for 45 years and works in maternity and has never seen ANY need for an abortion.

♦4. Should be 72 hours.

Stephen R. Bahny ♦1. Abortion should be prohibited. The child did not ask to be created.

Ed Brzezinski ♦1. Rape ♦4. 48 to 72 hours maybe.

Tim Butler ♦6. Only if necessary for serious health-of-the-mother reasons.

Ronald Cleaver ♦1. Rape. ♦6. If funding is requested, review case. ♦8. With hesitation.

Edward DiMatto Thank you for the opportunity to answer this survey. As you can see I am Pro-Life, and join with all the others in praying for the day that *Roe v. Wade* will be ultimately overturned, and all forms of abortion prohibited.

Barbara A. Gainer ♦1. Rape or incest.

Don Greishaw ♦4. I think it should be 72 hours.

Mike Kerner ♦1. There may be other extraordinary exceptions that do not come to mind, but the only ones I can think of at this time are incidents of rape and incest, especially of a child. ♦7 However, physicians should be given civil and criminal protection where pain management treatment of terminally ill patients (within certain limits) may ultimately result in the patient's death, so that such relief is not withheld from those patients by physicians who may be overly conservative to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

Denice A. Manus ♦1. Not enough information to respond to this question. What about the status of the fetus? ♦8. Adult embryonic [?] stem cells should be research, but not embryos.

David J. Pamula ♦1. Rape state by state decision. ♦2. Life of the mother is an exception.

Rodney M. Person ♦1. The need to abort to save the mother's life is very rare. ♦2. There is a procedure available... It's called c-section. ♦4. In fact 72 hours would be better. ♦5. The extenuating circumstances should be spelled out and restricted with little leeway. ♦8 It's junk science.

Gerald D. Price, Jr. ♦1. Also allow abortion in case of rape or incest. ♦4. Mandatory 48 hours unless a terminal medical condition exists. ♦5. Must notify BOTH parents, unless some legal reason exists to dictate otherwise. ♦7. Allowed only in a case of painful illness, terminal illness.

Randy S. Whiteman ♦1. In rare instances of crimes of rape, incest.

Al Frioni, Patricia McCullough, and Kevin Brobson, and democrat Jimmy Lynn.

Although a number of additional candidates are on the ballot, none of them are recommended by the PAC.

Erie County Judicial Candidates

As part of our 2009 Primary Election Candidate Survey, People for Life sent questionnaires to all nine candidates vying for the one open seat on the Erie County Court of Common Pleas.

We were very pleased to receive responses that reflect our values and priorities from the following candidates: Daniel Brabender, Damon Hopkins, Tony Logue, Larry D. Meredith, and Bob

Sambrook. Carolyn Gold, citing the PA Code of Judicial Conduct guidelines, declined to answer the survey and declined to express any opinion at all on human life issues. However, a member of People for Life tells us that Gold is indeed "pro-life." The other three candidates, Anthony Angelone, Jeff Misko, and Raymond A. Pagliari, Jr., simply failed to respond.

We were also pleased with the responses received from both candidates for the office of Erie County 4th Ward District Judge, Tom Robie and Jay Shimek.

If you are looking for more details about any of the candidates, feel free to call (814) 882-1333 and ask for Tim. We would be happy to share any additional information we have been able to gather.

Statewide Judicial Candidates

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee (PAC) has issued a list of recommended candidates for statewide judicial offices.

For PA Supreme Court (1 opening), the PAC recommends republicans Joan Orie Melvin, Paul Panepinto, and Cheryl Lynn Allen, and democrat Jack Panella.

For PA Superior Court (3 openings), the PAC recommends republicans Judy Olson, Sallie Mundy, and Temp Smith, and democrats Paula Patrick and Tom Munley.

For PA Commonwealth Court (3 openings) the PAC recommends republicans

2009 Municipal Primary - Candidate Survey Responses

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Lobbying for LIFE

Over the next four years, pro-life Americans will constantly face ever more egregious attacks on human life pressed by the Obama White House and anti-life radicals in the U.S. Congress.

It will be more crucial than ever before to keep open lines of communication with our federal legislators, so please save the contact information provided below.

For timely action alerts on the *most* crucial issues before Congress, subscribe to People for Life's *E-Mail Updates*. For more comprehensive information, consult the National Right to Life Legislative Action Center: www.capwiz.com/nrlc.

Two matters of immediate concern are embryo-destructive scientific research and abortion funding under "Health Care Reform." Please contact your three members of Congress (below) with these two simple messages: 1. NO money for *embryonic* stem-cell research! 2. NO money for abortion under the guise of "Health Care Reform"!

Always give your name and contact information and request a written response.

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FOCA Postcard Campaign

Of all the items on President Obama's abortion agenda, the *Freedom of Choice Act* (FOCA) is the most radical and dangerous. Its enactment would be the most sweeping pro-abortion victory since the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973.

ACTION OPPORTUNITY People for Life has a large supply of FOCA fact sheets and

postcards for concerned citizens to fill out and mail to their three federal legislators to express opposition to FOCA.

Many churches in the Erie area have already conducted lobbying campaigns using these postcards. If your church (or other organization) has not yet done so, we strongly encourage you to try to get these postcards distributed as soon as possible. As a first step, call or e-mail People for Life for complete information.

Everyone is also encouraged to request postcards to share with their friends and family.

BACKGROUND As early as July 17, 2007, presidential candidate Barack Obama assured America that the "first thing" he would like to do if elected would be to sign the *Freedom of Choice Act*.

Introduced in Congress numerous times since 1989, FOCA was most recently introduced in 2004 and 2007 by pro-abortion Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and pro-abortion Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

Although the 2007 version stated that the codification of *Roe v. Wade* was its objective, it also stated that the legislation would supersede "every federal, state, and local statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" that would "discriminate against the exercise of the right" to abortion.

In other words, FOCA would go far beyond *Roe v. Wade* and put at risk hundreds of widely-supported laws that, for example, provide common-sense protection for women against unscrupulous abortionists, prevent tax money from paying for abortions, protect the conscience rights of ethical healthcare providers, protect the rights of parents to be involved if an underage daughter's decision to get an abortion, and prohibit such barbaric practices as partial-birth abortion.

FOCA has not yet been introduced in the current Congress. However, a spokesman for Rep. Nadler told the *St. Louis Dispatch* on March 6, 2009 that the congressman intends to introduce the *Freedom of Choice Act* in the U.S. House "sooner than later" and that Sen. Boxer is expected to introduce "more or less the same bill" in the U.S. Senate.

American Women's Services

Help us spread the word: Everyone should be aware that American Women's Services (AWS) might be looking for a new place to set up shop somewhere in the Erie area.

AWS, the company that did abortions in Erie between September 2003 and February 2007, has recently made some alarming moves that should concern all residents of northwestern Pennsylvania. First, after several years of absence from the phone book, AWS is advertising once again in the

Erie Verizon and Talking Phone Book Yellow Pages. Secondly, People for Life recently determined that AWS has reopened its Pittsburgh location and is doing abortions there every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

When abortionist Stephen Regec resigned in February 2007, AWS closed all three of its locations in western Pennsylvania: Erie, Pittsburgh, and State College. The State College and Erie locations remain closed at this time.

People for Life maintains an office, open Monday-Friday from 9-5, just across the hallway from AWS-Erie. Our staff had not noticed any signs of activity at AWS from October 2007 until this April, when a window was left open and the lights burning in one the AWS office suites.

Having secured a doctor to do abortions in Pittsburgh, AWS might be planning to put the same doctor to work in Erie as well. If that is the case, AWS may be looking for a new location. They are probably so far behind on their maintenance fees, utility bills, and property taxes that it would be less expensive to buy (or rent) a new facility than to pay up at their current location.

AWS owner Dr. Steven Brigham is well-known for concealing and/or misrepresenting his true intentions as he acquires office space to house his abortion facilities.

Landlords, real estate professionals, and property owners should beware of a doctor from New Jersey, about 53 years old, who is attempting to open any sort of medical office in the Erie area. In addition to the name Steven Brigham, concerned individuals should be familiar with the names of other entities associated with Brigham and AWS: Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Medical Associates, PC, Peach Street Real Estate, LLC, Professional Medical Services PC, and The Friendly Corporation

Names such as "The Happy Corporation," "Loving Kindness LLC," and "Tender Mercies Corporation" should immediately raise a red flag. Brigham has a history of using names like these.

Be watchful, and if you notice or hear anything suspicious, please contact People for Life immediately.

Erie Cursillo Dance benefits People for Life

The Erie Cursillo Movement recently donated the proceeds from its annual St. Valentine's Day Dance, \$1337.95, to support the work of People for Life.

The dance is sponsored by the past-presidents of the Erie Cursillo. People for Life President Tim Broderick, on hand for the event, felt very much at-home, thanks in no small part to the familiar faces of quite a few Cursillistas who also happened to be faithful People for Life members and volunteers.

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FIRST JUDICIAL NOMINATION

U.S. District Judge David Hamilton, nominated to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals: Hamilton blocked enforcement, in Indiana, of a pro-life informed consent law, keeping it tied up in his court for seven years before finally striking it down. The U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the ruling and strongly criticized Hamilton for his "abuse of discretion" while noting that "No court anywhere in the country has held any similar law invalid."

2009 January Activities

Thanks to all those who volunteered and/or participated in this year's January

Activities: Erie March for Life, Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, and March for Life Bus Trip. For the first time in recent memory, our Erie March for Life was covered by all four local TV news departments. The 31st Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast was a sell-out, with nearly 600 tickets sold. And our 36th Annual Washington, DC March for Life Bus Trip was the biggest ever! We filled four 56-seat motor coaches. Our marchers included 39 seventh and eighth students from St. George School, 50 college students from Gannon, Mercyhurst, and Edinboro, and sizeable groups from The Federated Church and Conneaut Church of God. All three January events received exceptionally good coverage from the local TV news media.

Election of Officers

The annual election meeting of People for Life is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Monday, May 18, 2009. It will be held at the People for Life Main Office, 1625 West 26th St., Erie, PA. Members whose dues are paid one month in advance of the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are Carol Struchen for treasurer, David Halligan for secretary, Marielle Lafaro for first vice-president, Gretchen Lorei for second vice-president, and Dale Klobusnik for third vice-president. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee, who must be a current member of People for Life.

Memorials

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Rich & Sue Weber
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Henry "Hank" Compernolle
Nick "Pibby" DeLaura
Sr. Virginia Ann Gardner SSJ
Alice C. Knoll
Mary Morrison
Mary Alice Nagy (daughter)
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Rose Ohmer
Frank Pietras
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Doris Schirmer
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Tom & Christine Yadeski

In Honor of

Mary Falk
Dia Holden
Sr. Ann Marie Joint
Mary Wright
Rose Ann Yadeski on her Birthday

People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred. *The Erie Echo* is published bimonthly in Erie, PA by People for Life, Inc., Tim Broderick, editor.

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- Literature Distribution
- Office Attendant
- Public Demonstrations
- Newsletter Mailing
- Pro-Life Breakfast Worker
- March For Life Bus Trip Worker
- Mother's Day Carnation Project
- Erie March & Motorcade Worker
- 'Call when you need an extra hand.'

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Free Bumper Sticker Day and Open House

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, June 6 you will be able to drive up to People for Life's main office on West 26th Street and have a free pro-life bumper sticker of your choice placed on your vehicle.

Our easy-to-remove vinyl bumper stickers come in a variety of sizes and styles. There will be over 100 different designs and messages to choose from.

There will also be balloons for the kids and free refreshments for everyone.

Stay in your car or come in, have a look around, and check out our complete line of pro-life literature and promotional items. We have car magnets, license plate frames, Precious Feet lapel pins and jewelry, rubber rings and wrist bands, 12-week fetal models, and much more.

The main office is located at 1625 West 26th Street in the Oakwood Plaza. Someone will be on-duty from 9 am until 4 pm. We will help you pick out your favorite bumper sticker, carefully clean a spot on your vehicle, and apply the sticker for you.

College Outreach

Erie area college students received a wealth of valuable information about abortion and related topics this school year when People for Life ran 12-page educational inserts in their student newspapers.

The Edinboro *Spectator* distributed 3,000 copies of the insert in its October 28, 2008 edition; the Mercyhurst *Merciad* ran 3,000 copies in its January 19, 2009 edition; and the Gannon *Knight* carried 2,000 copies on February 23.

Extra copies of the educational insert, titled "We Know Better Know," are available from People for Life. We have used this educational piece and earlier versions for many years, and have hand-distributed hundreds of copies to area students. This was the first time, however, that the inserts

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appeared right inside local college newspapers.

Free Presentations

So far this year, People for Life has given *Overview of Abortion* presentations at St. George School, St. James Catholic Church, Conneaut Church of God, Mercyhurst College, Girard Alliance Christian Academy, and SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church. Six more presentations are scheduled for the month of May.

Call today to schedule a free *Overview of Abortion* presentation for your classroom, church, or other organization.

Community Outreach

People for Life presented a table at Get Involved Erie Night, sponsored by the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership at the Bel-Aire Hotel on March 24. The purpose of the event was to encourage local

residents, especially potential volunteers, to learn more about the non-profit organizations that are active in the Erie area. Over 60 organizations participated.

We are anticipating a full summer and fall outreach season again this year, with booths at a dozen or more community events. First-up will be the Erie Wild Rib Cook Off in May and Corry Fest over the Fourth of July weekend.

Terri Schiavo DVD

March 31, 2009 marked four years since Terri Schindler-Schiavo's untimely death following 14 days of court-ordered starvation and dehydration. Let us not forget the tragedy. People for Life recently purchased a new DVD of "The Terri Schiavo Story." This 50-minute video, hosted by disability-rights champion Joni Eareckson Tada, chronicles the Schindler family's years-long struggle to save their beloved Terri. It gives a clear, factual account of Terri's true medical condition and the story surrounding her death. Sadly, this account never did and never will be conveyed by the national news media. Borrow this DVD free of charge to get the real story about Terri and share it with your friends.

Oratory Contest Winner

High school senior Joseph Caulfield, representing People for Life and northwestern Pennsylvania, scored a third-place win in the PA Pro-Life Federation Oratory Contest on April 26 in Harrisburg. Joe's speech, titled "Complacency," reminds us that we must never be content merely to call ourselves "pro-life" but, rather, that we must never rest until the killing is stopped.

Joe wowed our guests at the 2009 Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast with a powerful rendition of his speech from the 2008 Oratory Contest. That speech was a scathing critique of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Great job, Joe!

2009 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2009

May 10	Mother's Day / Mother's Day Carnation Project
May 17	Scandal at Notre Dame University - Obama to be honored with Ph.D.
May 18	Annual Election of Officers - 7:30 PM, Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
May 19	PA Primary Election
May 27-30	Community Outreach Booth - Erie Wild Rib Cook Off & Music Festival
June 6	Free Bumper Sticker Day & Open House - 9 AM to 4 PM, Main Office
June 17	President George W. Bush in Erie - Pro-Life Thank You Demonstration
June 18-20	National Right to Life Convention - Charlotte, NC
July 4-5	Community Outreach Booth - Corry Fest 2009
Oct. 24	Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Conference - Scranton, PA
Oct. 30	Crawford County Citizens for Life Annual Dinner - Blooming Valley, PA