



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Greg Engelmeyer

Dear Friends of Life,

2024 has been a productive year for PCUC, as we enter this month of December. But our recent election has given me HOPE that we can do more. If anything, we learned that we cannot believe what the media and the pollsters tell us. If the polls were correct, then it wouldn't have been such a landslide victory for President Trump. Supposedly, according to the polls, almost 2 out of 3 people favor making abortion legal in all or most cases. Maybe that's not completely true, and there is an opportunity to ignite a dialogue that can change hearts and minds in this country on behalf of the lives of the unborn.

Our PCUC Billboard Project has been the start of that campaign in Pittsburgh. As most of you know, PCUC has been running 4 digital billboards that can be seen at different times on Route 28, the Parkway West, the Parkway East, I-79, and in front of the Squirrel Hill tunnel. This is just the start of what we hope will become an even larger campaign of Pro-Life billboards around the city; we need to do more.

Another project we started this year was the creation of a PCUC Communications committee that has started a letter writing campaign to various publications and politicians. How much time does it take to write a letter to the Post Gazette or to your local elected politician? See Page 5 of this newsletter. Isn't it time you contacted Mere-

dith Parente or Kathy Laslow and let them know that YOU sent a letter on behalf of Life? We need YOU to do more.

Holding Pro-Life speaking engagements in Pittsburgh schools and with local youth groups is another goal of PCUC. Nikki has spoke at several locations including an auditorium filled with hundreds of high school students. She was well received but we've only scratched the surface of what we can do. If you have a way of contacting the schools, youth groups, religious education classes, or others, please contact us. We need to do more.

I guess you're starting to get my message. Become a Sidewalk Advocate, get active in a 40 Days For life campaign, write a pro-life letter, help fund a billboard, volunteer at a Pro-Life women's center. What does God want you to do to help save lives? **WE ALL NEED TO DO MORE** in 2025.



This eye-catching billboard is currently running on four large digital billboards along busy highways around the Pittsburgh area, thanks to your donations! Please pray that God will use them to change hearts and minds, and to save many lives!

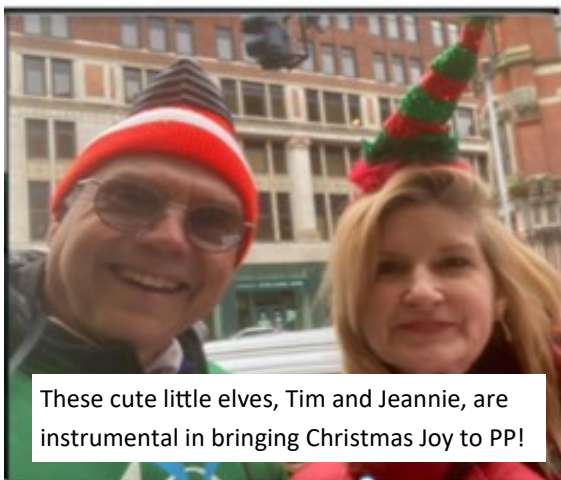
Oh Come All Ye Faithful!
Pro-Life Christmas Caroling at PP!
Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 AM

Come all ye faithful and join us in caroling as we bring the light of Christ to the darkness of downtown. Help us to share the true peace and joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of a baby while reminding everyone how important and precious every life is. We'll meet in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue on Saturday, December 7th. After singing from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, we'll head to the Little Lamb Resale shop just up the street for cookies and fellowship. Additional good news, Randy will be providing his musical accompaniment to enhance our singing.

We hope you can join us in celebrating life with song. No need to sign up. Just show up. *God bless you and Merry Christmas. Tim*



Ringling out the joy of Christmas at the saddest place in our city brings hope and light to the darkness.



These cute little elves, Tim and Jeannie, are instrumental in bringing Christmas Joy to PP!

**NEW AT PCUC! BLESSING BAGS
FOR ABORTION-VULNERABLE
WOMEN!**

As part of PCUC's mission to advocate for the unborn, and to equip pro-life activism, we will be assembling life-affirming "blessing bags", to be given to those entering PP. Our wonderful



year-round team of Sidewalk Advocates & 40 Days for Life 365 volunteers will be equipped with these packed bags, to have something to offer to abortion-bound couples.

It is our hope that many hearts of abortion-bound women and men will be touched, as they are offered a lovely gift from a warm and caring volunteer. The bags will contain items such as hand cream, lip balm, scented candles and candy, and will also include pro-life literature and a hand-written note to let the recipient know that they are not alone, and that there is help for them and their baby.

The first "Blessing Bag Assembly Event" will be at the PCUC office on Friday, Dec. 6th from 6:00-8:00.

Pizza will be provided, so please RSVP if you are coming. Call or text Nikki at 412-926-9413.

If you would like to write a personal note, to let an abortion-bound woman know that she can choose life, we will include it inside a blessing bag. Please write it on a small card or piece of paper and mail it to the PCUC office at 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pgh 15226.

If you are able to donate items such as small tubes of handcream, lip balm, body spray, small candles or other items that could be included in these bags, we would appreciate it! You can drop the items off at the office.



FROM OUR DIRECTOR

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS!

By Nikki Bruni

As I thought about my message for this newsletter, the theme of PRAYER kept coming to mind.

If you are like me, you might have the tendency to get focused on “tasks” and put prayer on the back-burner...because, after all, we can see with our eyes the results of our “works”, but have to rely on faith when it comes to prayer. Yes, there is a lot of “Martha” in me, and not enough “Mary”.

So, with that in mind, I want to share a story that illustrates just how powerful prayer is:

Last month my husband had a collapsed lung and was taken to Presbyterian Hospital by ambulance, and Jen immediately sent out a prayer request to our 40 Days for Life email list, asking people to pray for him. Shortly after the prayer request went out, Joe was put in the ER examining room, where a doctor prepared to insert a tube into his chest to release the air in his chest cavity. The procedure is done with no anesthesia and is quite painful, so Joe was pretty scared. Just as the doctor was getting ready to make the incision, another doctor peeked his head into the room and asked if a group of nursing students could observe the procedure. *If you know my husband, you know that he loves to be the center of attention, so of course, he invited them in!*

As the young women crowded into the room, I noticed their smocks were marked, “Franciscan University”. Knowing of the faithfulness of Franciscan students, I said to Joe, “*You are really lucky to have seven Franciscan Students here to watch!*”

As the doctor made the incision and began to insert the tube, Joe was feeling a lot of pain, and he asked the students, “Girls, would you mind praying for me?” All seven began to pray the “Our Father”, “Hail Mary” and “Glory Be”, in unison...which was beautiful. **After they were finished, Joe was really in pain, and he asked them,**

“Girls...would you mind singing ‘Immaculate Mary’ for me?” They looked at each other, smiling, and they all decided to hum the song, instead. It was heavenly! They sounded like a choir of angels, humming “Immaculate Mary” in perfect harmony, for about 10 minutes...until the procedure was over. Joe joined in as he was able, and it brought him the strength and peace he needed to be able to get through it. **When it was over, I asked the doctor who did the procedure if he had ever experienced anything like that before. He said, “No, never!”**

I share this story as a reminder of the importance of prayer, and to help us realize just how much God loves us and wants to answer our prayers!

First of all, can anyone deny that God heard our prayers for the election? It truly appears that we have been granted a reprieve, however long or short it may be. I think we have been given this reprieve...not so that we can sit back and put our feet up...NO! ***Now is the time to continue to storm Heaven with our prayers and sacrifices, to beg for the grace of REPENTANCE and REVIVAL for our nation!*** The guilt of more than 65 million innocent babies is upon us, and without repentance, the evil that was about to over-take us in November will surely be back .

So...PRAYER is our theme for this coming new year, and there are many ways you can be involved.

First of all, **we will begin our year of prayer with our annual PRAYER BREAKFAST on January 18th** at the Marriott North in Cranberry, with His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid speaking. (*See reservation form on page 6 of this newsletter.*)

We also are continuing our monthly “Prayer & Potluck” events on the last Saturday of every month, held at the PCUC office. This is an opportunity to pray together, while enjoying pro-life fellowship and good food! The next prayer event will be on December 28th from 6pm-8pm. RSVP to me at Nikki@pcuc.org if you plan to come.

Let’s continue to pray for revival and repentance in our nation! **May God bless America!**

NEWS FROM THE SIDEWALK



*By Andrew McCauley, Director
of Sidewalk Advocates for Life
in Pittsburgh*

When you stand outside Planned Parenthood on a busy morning or read another jolting abortion statistic, it can be hard to be conscious of the ultimate victory of Christ. Such an idea seems small and intangible, outweighed by cold, present realities. This can be demoralizing, and we might be tempted to numb ourselves to the truth of abortion or whitewash a lack of personal action with a shrugging “*God’s in charge.*” But history tells us we shouldn’t expect to perceive God’s activities. If I had been told “*way back when*” that a baby in a manger was God and was going to save mankind, it probably wouldn’t have made a whole lot of sense to me. But it made sense to God. **We need not perceive His ways or see His works to find comfort, hope, and joy through faith in Him. O come, O come Emmanuel!**



The last Sidewalk Advocates training of 2024 was a success! New Advocates Bernie, Peggy, David, and Xavier (*welcome all!*) were joined by sidewalk regulars Cathy and Judy for an educating day. **Keep an eye out for the first training of 2025 in January or February.**

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING PRINTED NEWSLETTERS!

In an effort to be good stewards of your donations, we have decided to “*cull*” our mailing list for the print edition of our bi-monthly newsletters. Printing and mailing are expensive, so we want to make sure that everyone who is getting our newsletters actually wants them. **Therefore, beginning in 2025, PCUC will be asking for a yearly membership fee of \$25.00.** We do not want to burden anyone who cannot pay however! So, if you enjoy getting the newsletters in your mailbox, but cannot pay, simply send us an email or snail mail letter telling us so, and we will keep you on the list!

Memberships for 2025 can be paid online at [Web Checkout | Clover](#) , or a check can be mailed to 3050, Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh 15226. Thank you for your help!

NEW CARDS TO DISTRIBUTE!



PCUC has created a new informational card with the same message as their very important abortion pill billboards we saw throughout Pittsburgh this past year. We would like these cards distributed **EVERYWHERE**: Bathrooms, restaurants, churches, the hands of passersby, anywhere you can think of! Think of this as a mini-billboard campaign targeting the most prevalent abortion method in our country. Call the office at 412-531-9272 to request these cards to be mailed to you for distribution. You could save a life! Thank you for your help!



THE MAGEE PROJECT

Monthly update by Meredith

Prayer walks at Magee continue for the winter months on the **4th Sunday of the month** from **4-5pm.** through March.

If you haven't sent a copy of the **Dark Deeds brochure** to your state and federal representatives, we strongly encourage you to do so. The brochure exposes what we know about the collection of baby body parts from babies aborted at Magee and used at Pitt and elsewhere for macabre testing and experimentation. Include a note asking your representative to investigate further as laws have probably been broken, but no action has been taken against the culprits.

You can view a slightly longer version of the piece here: [Dark Deeds](http://paprolifecoalition.org/upmc-hidden-history) (paprolifecoalition.org/upmc-hidden-history)

For more information, and to sign up for our emails, contact thepageproject@gmail.com

The Communications Committee is promoting a **letter writing campaign** for early January to get the attention of our new senator, **Dave McCormick**. For this to effectively demonstrate broad support for protecting human life and dignity, we need the senator's office to receive a **large volume of letters**..

Please contact newly elected Senator Dave McCormick between **January 3rd and January 24** (the March for Life) to urge him to support federal legislation to protect children before they are born.

Section 5 of the 14th Amendment authorizes Congress to enforce the 14th amendment's protections for life. Legislation in prior Congresses has been introduced to protect life beginning at conception.

Encourage Senator McCormick to work with his colleagues on this critical matter and to support such legislation in the new Congress.

With Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress and President Trump back in office, now is the time to write to Senator McCormick to let him know that you support action on federal pro-life legislation.

And can you do us a favor and **let Kathy know** when you write, so we can have an idea of the volume of response?

Contact Senator Dave McCormick:

The Honorable David McCormick
United States Senator
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

For questions or more information, contact Communications Committee Legislative Engagement Coordinator, Kathy Laslow, kathlaslow@yahoo.com

(If you'd prefer to call, because Senator-elect McCormick doesn't have an office assigned yet, you can call the US Senate switchboard at 202-224-3121. When you call after January 3, say his name, and you will automatically be connected to his office.)

JAN. 22ND WILL BE A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the US on Jan. 22, 1973. Even though that decision has been overturned, we still must work to secure respect for all life, born and unborn and to secure laws to ensure that all lives matter.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops asks us all to observe a day of prayer every year on Jan. 22 to remember those lost to abortion and to promote legislation to continue our work to promote Respect for all Life.

Now is the time to work with our Church communities to plan Respect Life prayer services on Jan. 22, 2025.



PCUC
People Concerned for the Unborn Child

Invites you to our annual

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 18th, 2025

Doors open at 9:00 am ~ Breakfast is at 10:00 am

Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Dr., Cranberry Twp. PA

His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid Speaking!



Bishop Waltersheid will be consecrating PCUC to Jesus, Mary & Joseph during this event!

Having served as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh since 2011, His Excellency, Bishop Waltersheid has been a hero to the pro-life movement of Pittsburgh. He has led countless Eucharistic Processions to Planned Parenthood and presided over dozens of 40 Days for Life closing Masses. He has been instrumental in bringing the "Walking With Moms in Need" program to parishes all around our diocese, and his "Why I am Pro-Life" manifesto remains published on our website to this day. His Excellency has a true heart for the unborn and we are very blessed to have his spiritual leadership here in Pittsburgh!

Contact Nikki for more information at nbruni@pcuc.org or call 412-926-9413

Detach this form and mail along with payment to: PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pgh PA 15226

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ breakfasts @ \$30.00 each

_____ I cannot come to the breakfast, but I would like to make a donation. \$ _____

Are you coming with friends/family? Whose name will identify your table? _____

TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE, GO TO: [Prayer Breakfast – PCUC | Pregnancy Resources and Information for Southwestern PA](#)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CLOSING EVENTS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who helped us to close our fall 40 Days for Life on November 3rd! We had an absolutely gorgeous day, with temps near 70 degrees and blue skies...and no protestors! Approximately 30 people took part in the Jericho March, as we prayed and walked around the block containing PP seven times.



Pastor Dan Hendley led dozens of participants in prayer and song, and in a Jericho March around PP on Nov. 3rd.



Prayer walking through the alley behind PP

We will continue these Jericho Marches around PP until those spiritual walls of darkness come crashing down...*in God's time!*

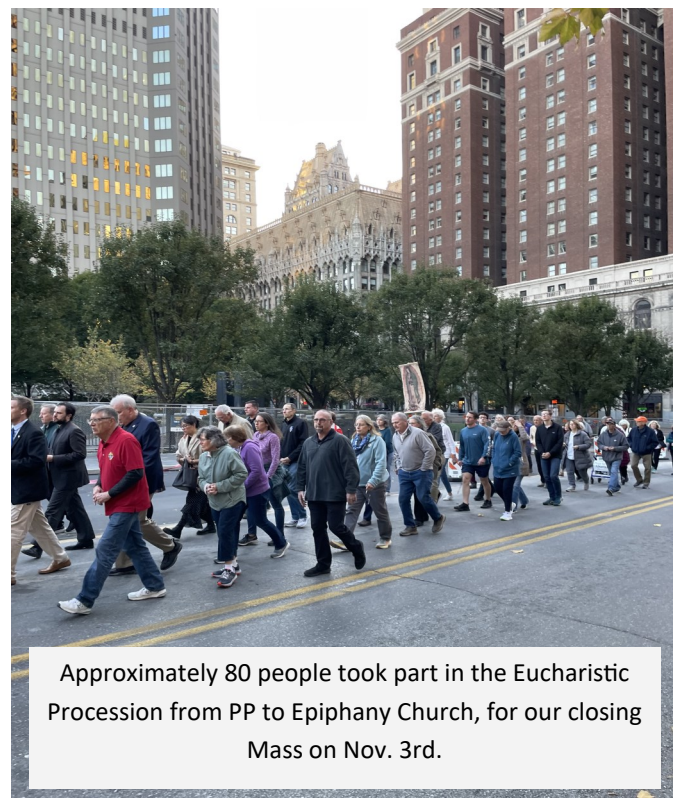
TO WATCH A VIDEO SLIDESHOW OF THE ENTIRE 40 DAYS FALL CAMPAIGN, GO TO: [simple](#)

After the Jericho March concluded, it was time to welcome Our Lord, Jesus Christ Himself, as He arrived, carried in the monstrance by His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid!



Bishop Waltersheid arrives, with Our Lord in the Monstrance. (Assisted by Deacon John Corcoran).

After a brief time of prayer on the sidewalk in front of PP, we began our Eucharistic Procession to Epiphany Church, where His Excellency, Bishop Waltersheid offered a Closing Mass, to thank God for His many blessings during these 40 days!



Approximately 80 people took part in the Eucharistic Procession from PP to Epiphany Church, for our closing Mass on Nov. 3rd.

LEGISLATION UPDATE...*FROM ANITA...*



Things have been quiet regarding legislation. Thank God for that. I am sure come January things will ramp up. Let us take this time to pray for the Legislators that they may know God and do His Will.

Let us take time to thank God for His Mercy at this time and thank for the ProLife Win with the election. This is the most important thing we can do is pray. God is in control and He's got this. Let us be faithful, (that is all He asks us to do), and remember, we know the VICTOR. God bless you all and that you all for your faithfulness and what you do for the Lord!!! Have a Merry Christmas.

52nd MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 24th, 2024 in
Washington DC

List of Bus Captains & Departures

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

ASPINWALL *Christ the King/ St Scholastica*
Cathy Zuza 412-551-3204

BETHEL PARK *St Thomas More*
Carolyn Sopher Martin 412- 860-9980

NATRONA HEIGHTS *Harvest Baptist Church*
Staci Gainor 724-295-0607 x 201

PITTSBURGH *Divine Mercy/Epiphany Church*
Lauren Shovlin 412-996-6346

PITTSBURGH *Triumph of the Holy Cross/St Elizabeth of Hungary* Mary Grassi 412-526-9332

SEWICKLEY *Sewickley Area* will leave from St. James Elsie Rothfus 412-944-8922

BUTLER COUNTY

BUTLER *All Saints Parish* Ray Ferguson 724-822-8041 will leave from St Conrads and stop at Holy Sepulcher.

VALENCIA *Gospel Fellowship Church* Glenn and Donna Goss 412-965-6328

INDIANA COUNTY

INDIANA/Strongstown *Indiana Area Churches*
Bill Ager 724-465-4522

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

MURRYSVILLE *Mother of Sorrows*
Barb Koury 412-480-6490

DONEGAL *Christian Fam and Children Center*
Dr. Merle Skinner 724-593-9200

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Anita Theiss 412-728-3647



HONORS & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Helen Cindrich
From Joan Varacalli

In Memory of Victor Carbin
From Mary Carbin

In Memory of Joan Conroy
From Lawrence Conroy

In Memory of Bill & Adam DiSabato
From Beverly DiSabato

In Memory of Ron & Riley Sarah Hough
From Kim Chester

In Memory of Agnes Pacacha McClain
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley

In Memory of Marilyn McClelland
From Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

In Memory of Cathy Howe
From Bob & Mary Beth Gasior

In Memory of Robert Newman
From Darryl Smith

In Memory of the Petchar & Bohren Families
From Mary Petchar

In Memory of Shirley Rectenwald
From Mary H. Rectenwald

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Eric & Dannel Anschuetz

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Lou Anschuetz

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Deneen Folkmire

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Joy Kella

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Linda Romansic

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Virginia & Michael Slomkowski

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Dolores Gallagher

In Memory of Madonna Roney
From Michael & Elizabeth Krygowski

In Memory of my dear friend Joann Streiff
From Virginia Speer

In Memory of Shirley R. Warner
From James Nowalk

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Jessica Walker

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Kate & Matthew DeLosso

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Joan Ells

In Memory of Wally & Shirley Warner
From Aimee Oyhamburu & family

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Lauren Watson

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Marlen Senko

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Jeffrey & Cheryl Greer

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Gregory & Margaret Watson

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Therese Palyo

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Patricia Heilmann

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Gregory & Joan Ringeling

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Helene Staniszewski

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Paul & Jennifer Warner

In Memory of Shirley Warner
From Tom & Jackie McGlone

In Memory of Sam Wilder
From William & Evelyn Turocy

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please consider making a donation at:**

[Donate – People Concerned for the Unborn
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Or by mailing a check to:

PCUC
3050 Pioneer Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15226

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