The National Pro-Life Religious Council

The National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC) is a Christian coalition which acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and works to encourage every Christian denomination to affirm and witness to the biblical standard of the value, dignity and sanctity of human life, and to foster ministry to those vulnerable to the violence of abortion or euthanasia.

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US Supreme Court Hears Arguments Against California Law Attacking Free Speech And Freedom Of Conscience

This case was brought by National Institute of Family and Life Advocates’s (NIFLA) president Tom Glessner who is a member of NPRC.

On March 20, 2018 in the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), NIFLA argued the case seeking to invalidate California’s “Reproductive FACT Act”, which compels pro-life pregnancy centers to advertise free abortion services provided by the state. It was an historic day – a day to remember -- and the stakes for the entire country couldn’t be higher.

Michael Farris, president of the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and NIFLA ally, effectively and persuasively presented our case and handled some very tough questions from the justices of the High Court. NIFLA is very optimistic about the final results of the case. They expect an opinion from the Court before the end of the current term, which is the last day of June.

Here are some legal concerns to address:

NIFLA is seeking a permanent injunction against California, prohibiting it from enforcing its “Reproductive FACT Act.” This law has two components which must be invalidated.

1) The law requires that licensed pregnancy medical centers post a sign in 22 point font in their waiting areas in all of the primary languages spoken in their county, telling their patients that they have a right to a state-funded abortion and providing a telephone number to call to start the abortion process. In Los Angeles County, such a sign would have to be posted in 13 different languages.

2) The law requires that non-medical pregnancy centers post a sign in 48 point font and in all of the primary languages spoken in their county saying that they are not a licensed medical facility and do not have medical professionals on staff. In Los Angeles County, such a sign would have to be posted in 13 different languages. This notice must be posted in all of a center’s advertising and website.

The law clearly and unconstitutionally compels speech, mandating that pro-life medical centers speak a message with which they fundamentally disagree and which violates their consciences. For non-medical centers, the law clearly requires a horrendous and undue burden which will prevent them from advertising services to the public. Failure to comply means that the government will be able to issue massive fines and penalties against those centers and eventually close them down. NIFLA Expects to WIN!

Tom Glessner Gives Thumbs Up After SCOTUS Hearing

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In an op-ed published Friday in the Wall Street Journal, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York lamented that the Democratic Party’s shifting principles have effectively shut out and alienated orthodox Catholics.

Dolan cited the Democrat’s current opposition to school choice programs and tax credits for education, along with their unwavering support for abortion rights, among the reasons why he is disappointed with the party in its current state. Dolan said he believes that the Democrats of today have abandoned many of the tenets that made the party attractive to Catholics generations ago.

In the past, Dolan explained, when waves of Irish immigrants arrived in the United States, their respect for the sanctity of life and their concern for the poor led them to embrace the Democrats, who welcomed them to the party. Dolan even recounted his own grandmother warning him that, “We Catholics don’t trust those Republicans.”

“Such is no longer the case,” Dolan wrote, which is a “cause of sadness to many Catholics.” himself included.

He pointed to the party’s recent refusal to support incumbent Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL), who is one of the few remaining pro-life Democrats in Congress, in a tight primary race.

Lipinski, himself Catholic, narrowly won the Democratic primary this past Tuesday against a challenger who made abortion rights central to her campaign. Last April, DNC Chairman Tom Perez said in a statement that “Every Democrat, like every American, should support a woman’s right to make her own choices about her body and her health,” and that this was “not negotiable.”

Perez was criticized for this stance by party leaders, including Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Recent polling showed just under a quarter of Democrats believe that abortion should be illegal in all or most circumstances.

Dolan was particularly critical of a proposed New York law titled the “Reproductive Health Act,” which he says would “morbidly expand” the “most radical abortion license in the country.” The New York State Assembly is overwhelmingly Democrat.

“For instance, under the proposed Reproductive Health Act, doctors would not be required to care for a baby who survives an abortion. The newborn simply would be allowed to die without any legal implications,” wrote Dolan.

What’s more, Dolan explained, is that he feels the Democrats are making it harder for low and middle-class children to get an education at a Catholic school.

“In recent years, some Democrats in the New York state Assembly repeatedly blocked education tax credit legislation, which would have helped middle-class and low-income families make the choice to select Catholic or other non public schools for their children,” said Dolan. The cardinal said this type of legislation impedes the mission of these schools to serve poor, often immigrant, children.

Dolan admitted that while he has “had spats and disappointments” with politicians from both major political parties in the United States, he is particularly upset by the Democratic Party’s swing in a direction that excludes people like his grandmother.

“But it saddens me, and weakens the democracy millions of Americans cherish, when the party that once embraced Catholics now slams the door on us.”

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**PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS AT IT AGAIN**

“**We Need a Disney Princess Who’s Had an Abortion**”

Tweeted by Planned Parenthood Keystone in Pennsylvania

This was one of several “we need” statements recently posted in a tweet by Planned Parenthood Keystone in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. This totally inappropriate tweet reflect a deep and callous attitude abortionists have regarding the sacrificing of innocent human life. The tweet included another reference to abortion: (After much negative response the tweet was removed.)

“**We need a Disney Princess who is pro-choice.**”
As the National Pro-life Religious Council and its member groups continue to serve the wider Church and pro-life movement, Priests for Life is delighted to have a new tool to do both: a new world headquarters, located in Titusville, Florida (a short distance outside Orlando). Last Fall, we moved our headquarters from New York City to a larger facility in Florida. This was an expansion we very much needed, at far less the cost, and for the first time we own our own facility.

Not only will it be a headquarters for Priests for Life, but this new facility, equipped with a training center and TV and Radio studios, will enable clergy and pro-life activists to come together for seminars and to get their message out in the media.

This is particularly important as we approach the midterm elections of 2018. Our headquarters will host Voter Training Seminars, during which pro-life leaders, clergy and local activists will learn that even non-political groups can do a lot to influence elections and activate the people within their reach to participate in the electoral process. The activities for which we will train people include voter registration, education of voters on the positions of the major parties on pro-life issues, early voting, getting out the vote, and a deeper understanding of the election process itself.

On top of all this, we are launching an internet TV channel, “Priests for Life TV.” Hosted at www.EndAbortion.TV, this channel will carry programming 24 hours a day, featuring both live and pre-taped segments consisting of prayer services, sermons, pro-life talks, prayer vigils at abortion mills, interviews, testimonies, songs, pro-life commercials, promotion of pro-life resources, and other special features. Among those hosting the segments will be the various members of the Priests for Life pastoral team, including our Executive Director Janet Morana (co-founder of SilentNoMore.com), our fulltime priests Fr. Denis Wilde OSA and Fr. Stephen Imbarrato, Dr. Theresa and Kevin Burke (co-founders of Rachel’s Vineyard), Evangelist Alveda King (niece of Martin Luther King Jr.), Bryan Kemper (who heads up our Youth Ministry, StandTrue.com), and Marie Smith who heads up our work with international legislators as director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues. You may recognize her name; her husband is pro-life hero Congressman Chris Smith.

We welcome all our pro-life friends to our new world headquarters and also to be involved in our internet TV channel! To contact us on any of these matters, visit www.ProLifeCentral.org or call us at 321-500-1000.

Memorial for the Preborn - Tremendous Success

The 24th annual Memorial for the Preborn and Their Mothers and Fathers was attended by more than 1,200 pro-lifers from across the nation in Constitution Hall.

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Owen’s Mission

Owen’s Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of Touch of Life fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country.

Over 28,000 students have now heard about Owen's Mission!

Presbyterian Pro-Life

Presbyterian Pro-Life is becoming Presbyterian Protecting Life!

Resources from PPL

The illustration at left is from a series of weekly worship images available from Presbyterian Pro-Life. The images are available in png and jpeg formats and as Powerpoint slides.

Download the pictures from PPL’s See PPL Facebook page or request the Powerpoint slides by email. The slideshow is an inspiring screensaver too!

Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality

Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality is one of the oldest pro-life groups in NPRC.

It publishes a well reasoned, thought provoking newsletter called Lifewatch. In their most recent issue, Lifewatch published a sermon by Dr. David Watson entitled “WHAT ARE HUMAN BEINGS?”

The Taskforce is headed by Pastor Paul Stallsworth and has been working with the United Methodist Church of more than 40 years to bring the pro-life issue to prominence in their Church doctrine. www.lifewatch.org

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