

Texas Becomes Tenth State to Protect Unborn Babies Who Feel Pain

On July 18th HB2 was signed into law by Texas Governor Rick Perry making Texas the 10th state to ban abortions after 20 weeks fetal age, the point at which an unborn baby can feel pain. The same bill also requires abortion clinics to meet similar health and safety standards as ambulatory surgical centers.

The bill, along with the nationwide Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act the U.S. House of Representatives passed in June (H.R. 1797), follows the language originally drafted by National Right to Life's State Legislation Department. The bill focuses on protecting unborn babies from the painful death of abortion.

"By 20 weeks after fertilization, unborn children have pain receptors throughout their body, and nerves link these to the brain," said National Right to Life Director of State Legislation Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D. "These unborn children recoil from painful stimulation, which also dramatically increases their release of stress hormones. Doctors performing fetal surgery at and after 20 weeks now routinely use fetal anesthesia."

The Texas unborn pain bill and others like it have strong support throughout the country. In a nationwide poll of 1,003 registered voters in March, The Polling Company found that 64% would support a law such as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks — when an unborn baby can feel pain — unless the life of the mother is in danger. Only 30% opposed such legislation. Women voters split 63%-31% in support of such a law, and 63% of independent voters supported it.

HB2 would have passed in June during the regular session, but was stymied by the filibuster of pro-abortion state Senator Wendy Davis and the shouting of a pro-abortion crowd in the gallery. Gov. Perry was committed to protecting these unborn babies however, and announced at the National Right to Life Convention his plans to call a special session.

During his address to the NRL Convention Gov. Perry remarked, "Every life is precious. Our founding fathers understood that. That's why they affirmed the right to life in the Declaration of Independence, listing it ahead of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As our forefathers correctly understood, life is nothing less than a gift from God. And defending



Gov. Rick Perry at the National Right to Life Convention

that right is a calling worthy of our best. That's why we work so hard to protect all of God's children. There is no higher calling or more basic standard than that."

But when the special session began, the pro-abortionist crowd decided to redouble their efforts in stopping the bill. Inspired by Sen. Davis's filibuster, the pro-abortionist were there in force, screaming insults and threatening to throw various objects at lawmakers.

"Security was tight, and state troopers reported confiscating bottles of urine and feces as they worked to prevent another attempt to stop the Republican majority from passing a proposal that has put Texas at the center of the nation's abortion debate," the AP reported.

Also present at the state capital were plenty of pro-life supporters, easily identified in blue shirts while the pro-abortionist wore orange. The pro-lifers came to show their support for the bill, but many felt physically threatened by the menacing presence of the pro-abortionists.

After weeks of intense debate the bill was finally passed in the early hours of the morning of June 18th by the Texas State Senate with a vote of 19-11. The Texas House of Representatives had approved the bill earlier in the week, and Gov. Perry signed the bill into law later that day.

"Today, Texas joins other states around the country in passing this life-saving legislation that protects pain-capable unborn children from the excruciating pain of being torn apart in their mothers' wombs," said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee on June 18th. "We commend Governor Perry, pro-life members of the Texas legislature, and the staff and volunteers of our affiliate, Texas Right to Life, for their tireless efforts to see this bill enacted into law [...] the voice of Texas' pro-life majority was heard loud and clear: mothers and their unborn children should be protected from an abortion industry that cares more about its financial bottom line than it does about truly helping women and their children."

So far the following ten states all protect pain-capable unborn children: Nebraska, Kansas, *Idaho, Oklahoma, Alabama, *Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, North Dakota, and Texas. For more information on the extensive evidence on the capacity of unborn babies to feel pain, visit www.DoctorsOnFetalPain.com.

*These laws are currently enjoined, pending litigation.



Unborn baby - at 20 weeks

Abortionist Curtis Boyd Admits Abortion is Killing



Abortionist Curtis Boyd

Texas Abortionist Curtis Boyd began performing abortions before the Roe v. Wade decision made it legal in 1973. He was a founding member of the National Abortion Federation, and he was outspoken about "abortion rights." What makes Boyd unusual? Unlike most other abortion advocates, he openly admits that abortion is killing.

The late-term abortionist has no problem admitting exactly what he does. In a 2009 interview with KVUE News, and Austin News station, he states, "Am I killing? Yes, I am. I know that."

He also talks of performing abortions on very young girls who come to his facility, some as young as nine or ten years old seeking an abortion.

Hopefully the passing of HB2, which will prevent abortion after 20 weeks when an unborn baby can feel pain, will put the brakes on Boyd's killing, and on his revenue stream.



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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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Update from the President:

The National Day of Remembrance

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life
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The National Day of Remembrance (AbortionMemorials.com) is an effort of prayer and education focused on the approximately thirty locations throughout the United States in which the bodies of children killed by abortion are buried. By telling the stories of these burials and having memorial services at each of these sites, the public is brought to a deeper awareness of the humanity of the unborn and the inhumanity of abortion. Moreover, this occasion can lead those who have lost children to abortion to a greater measure of healing.

This initiative is sponsored by three national pro-life groups, Priests for Life, Pro-life Action League, and Citizens for a Pro-life Society.

The National Day of Remembrance is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2013, which is the 25th anniversary of one of the major burial services for these children in Milwaukee. On that day, simultaneous memorial services will

be held at these grave sites, led by local clergy and pro-life citizens. Local communities will publish the stories about how these grave sites came to be, and will invite people to visit them on an ongoing basis. We intend to make this an annual observance.

Some of these graves contain hundreds and even thousands of babies in one burial plot. Most of the time, the bodies were discovered in trash dumpsters outside of legal abortion clinics. In one case, in the early '80's, workers discovered a large container with the bodies of 16,500 aborted babies in it. Pro-life citizens wanted to do what every civilized society does, namely, bury them. But because of the opposition of abortion supporters, that did not happen until after a three-year legal battle. Abortion advocates try to avoid what will reinforce the humanity of unborn children. That's part of the power of this project.

Many of the children in these burial sites were killed in the later stages of pregnancy. At the present time in the history of the battle over abortion in America, and in the light of the trial and conviction of Kermit Gosnell and the passage by the US House of Representatives and various states of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, the reality of late-term abortion has been brought into clearer focus for the American public. Awareness of that reality leads to a logical question: what is done with the bodies?

The National Day of Remembrance builds on that question and strengthens that awareness, creating a focal point for our grief, both national and personal, and for the education of future generations.

Not only will these services raise awareness about abortion, but they will also provide opportunities for an urgent call to healing after abortion. The work of Rachel's Vineyard and the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, the world's largest ministries for healing after abortion, both operating under the auspices of Priests for Life, have taught us that the opportunity to grieve at a grave site, and/or have a memorial service, are important steps in the healing process. This Day of Remembrance will bring a great deal of healing to many people, and kindle in them new hope.

Please visit AbortionMemorials.com for more information!

Talking About Abortion

by Marie Bowen, Presbyterians Pro-Life



Marie Bowen

Recently I was asked how I answer those who oppose the pro-life position. Whenever we address those with whom we disagree, it is of first importance to be mindful that he/she too is created by God in His image and someone for whom Christ died. Let that change your heart, your tone, and your demeanor. There is more at stake than “winning” an argument. Stick to the facts and leave the rest to God.

Q. How do you respond to an angry woman who says “It’s my body, my choice!”?

A. It is wise to avoid cliches or rhetoric. Simply state the facts: The child in the womb is—from the moment of fertilization—a new individual with a separate genetic identity from any other person on earth. Scientific and Medical knowledge agree that a new life begins at the moment of fertilization—that already he/she is a tiny human being, alive, and unique. This created being is separate and individual from the woman’s body and a life created and owned by God. No one, even the mother, has permission to take innocent life. Human beings are given the right to kill animals for food, but we are prohibited from taking the life of another human being.

Q. What about rape and incest? Shouldn’t the woman have a choice to abort? Why should she go crazy?

A. Rape is a terrible act of violence against the woman and she surely needs the tender loving care of the church. She needs prayer and comfort and love to see her through to a place of healing and restoration. When she becomes pregnant as the result of rape or incest, it is especially difficult because she did not choose to be pregnant and may not wish to become a parent.

A distinction must be made between the rapist and the child that has been conceived. The child is innocent and has done nothing deserving of death. Abortion should never be seen as a solution to rape and incest. A terrible violence has been committed against the woman and she is not helped by a second act of violence. That is what abortion is: an act of violence against an innocent human being. Though she has been violated and she did not choose to become pregnant, when a woman aborts a baby conceived as a result of rape, she then in turn becomes a perpetrator of violence against the innocent.

As Christians we believe that God is the creator and owner of all life. When God creates life in the midst of trauma, it is evidence of His character that brings good when evil is intended and brings life out of death. God’s plan for this child may provide a path to healing for the mother—a truth affirmed by the testimonies of women who have carried babies conceived in rape or incest to term.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

A Day to Honor the Grave sites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

Nationwide – Saturday, September 14th



On Saturday, September 14, 2013 Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League are calling on pro-life Americans to participate in a National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children to honor the grave sites of our unborn brothers and sisters.

Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at these grave sites, of which there are 33 across the United States.

The date of September 14, 2013, was chosen for this event because it marks the 25th anniversary of the burial of several hundred abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Why Visit the Grave sites of the Aborted Unborn?

When people become aware of the reality of abortion, they can more easily cut through the lies by which some try to justify it, and the natural apathy to which human nature is inclined. Even pro-life people are thrust into a higher level of commitment and activism.

Teaching the reality of abortion happens in various ways: hearing a description of the procedure, seeing diagrams of it, seeing images of aborted children, hearing a woman’s personal testimony of regret over her abortion.

This impact, whereby abortion no longer remains an abstraction, can be brought to an even more profound level when experienced in an event, such as a funeral for an aborted baby.

Tens of thousands of these children have been retrieved and buried at grave sites across our country. The stories of how they were killed, how they were found, and how they were buried, along with the images and videos that accompany those events, are powerful tools to awaken the consciences of our fellow citizens.

But while a funeral and burial for an aborted baby may be a relatively rare event, the opportunity to visit the burial places and recall how those children got there does not have to be rare – in fact, it should not be rare.

Pro-lifers should be visiting these grave sites – and other memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies – as a regular part of their pro-life witness. That’s what the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is all about.



Join the Grave site Prayer Vigil

To participate in the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, find information about a September 14 memorial service taking place near you on the list of unborn grave sites.

If no memorial service is currently scheduled at the nearest grave site, consider volunteering as a local leader to work with the national Day of Remembrance team in hosting such an event.

For more information please visit: www.abortionmemorials.com



EWTN News Nightly Will Begin on September 3rd

Finally a World Wide Pro-Life Evening News Program

by Ernest Ohlhoff



Colleen Carroll Campbell

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) will begin broadcasting a nightly news program from Washington, DC on Tuesday September 3rd.

Colleen Carroll Campbell will be the news anchor for the new program. Colleen is a 38-year-old journalist and author who has written speeches for President George W. Bush and earlier this year anchored EWTN’s live television coverage of the papal conclave from Rome.

Now, in its 28th year, EWTN has become the largest religious media network in the world, airing programs to more than 225 million homes in four languages in over 144 countries and territories. EWTN transmits programming 24 hours a day on more than 4,800 cable systems, wireless cable, Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS), low power TV, individual satellite users, and short wave radio.

EWTN was one of the first institutions to file suit against the ObamaCare regulations, which attacked religious liberty.

Throughout their entire 28 year history, EWTN has made pro-life advocacy a cornerstone issue in its programming. Thousands of programming hours have been dedicated to focusing on the horrors of abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

EWTN’s deep commitment to the pro-life cause was evidenced when EWTN’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Doug Keck and Director of Communications Michelle Johnson attended and spoke at National Right to Life’s 2013 annual convention in Dallas, Texas.

EWTN Nightly News will be broadcast each weekday at 6 p.m. Eastern Time beginning on Tuesday, September 3rd. The show will also re-air on TV each night at 9 p.m. Eastern Time and 2 a.m. Eastern Time and air on EWTN radio at 9 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Nightly News Program will be broadcast from a new studio located on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. EWTN will be a welcome alternative to the big three highly biased networks who for too long have had a monopoly on the content of news, which has all too often been spoon fed to the American public.