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*ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS OR NONE IS*

## *Dear Pro-Life Friends:*

It is not surprising that so many people are disillusioned with the divisiveness that exists in many areas of influence such as law, medicine and religion. Individuals in the field of education and the media are indoctrinating students with values which are totally opposed to what we believe. What we are witnessing is an attempt to abandon our Judeo Christian heritage. It is so important that parents keep on top of things and find out just what their kids are learning. We should be unafraid to speak up and raise our concerns. School Boards in states such as Virginia and Florida have done so with very positive effects.

Because of the fast pace of life many don't have the time to attend meetings, making it even more important that the general population learn the truth that fake news will never provide us about the reality of legal abortion. Did you know that an abortion can be performed right up until the time of birth? Do you realize that since abortion was legalized the incidence of breast cancer has gone from one in 12 women

to one in 8? I urge readers to check out our website and then share the truth with family and friends. If more people don't become involved the status quo will remain.

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It seems that almost every day we learn of some individual who is in need and does not have a support system. It may be an elderly person, the spouse and perhaps children of someone from Fort Drum who has been deployed and has no family nearby to assist them, one more individual who has just learned that they have cancer, a pregnant woman in need of help or someone in an abusive relationship - the list goes on and on. Some think that being pro life is all about abortion but that is far from the case. It really means that as servants of God and as time permits, we try to develop an awareness of those who touch on our lives each day, who have needs and pray daily that we are given the time and the grace to help them.

Peace Be With You  
Bette Hartzell

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# Detroit School Board Removes Ben Carson's Name from High School

Members of the Detroit School Board recently voted to change the name of the Benjamin Carson High School of Science and Medicine because of Dr. Ben Carson's conservative pro-life political views. The legendary surgeon grew up in an impoverished single parent home in Detroit with bad grades, a bad temper, and low self esteem. His father left his family and his mom had to work evenings to support the family. She required Ben and his brother to read two books a week and write book reports on them while she was working. She encouraged her sons to excel and in response to her efforts Ben did exactly that.

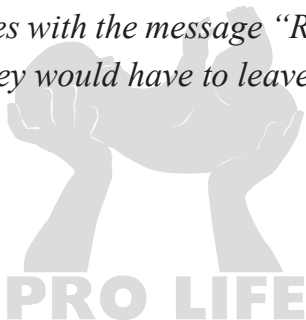
Carson went on to graduate from Yale and the University of Michigan Medical School. At 33, he became the youngest Chief of Pediatric Surgery at the world renown John Hopkins Hospital and at 35 he performed the most famous surgery of his career - the first successful

separation of conjoined twins who were attached at the top of their heads. After 29 years of directing pediatric neurosurgery at the John Hopkins Children Center, he retired and with his wife, Candy, founded the Carson Scholars Fund which has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships. Carson was a Presidential candidate in 2016, and from 2017-2019 he served as US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Fifty-five members of his former staff penned an op-ed protesting the name change calling Carson a person of "impeccable character." Responding to the news, Carson said that the "cancel culture is alive and well", but he refuses to live as a victim. The former surgeon recently teamed up with Civil Rights attorney Ben Crump and media personality Armstrong Williams to write "Crisis in the Classroom" to promote a political, solution-based approach to education rooted in "faith and unity."

## Smithsonian Event

*The Catholic student and chaperones who attended the recent March for Life said they were kicked out of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum over their pro-life beanies and have filed a federal lawsuit accusing the institute of violating their First Amendment Rights. The American Center for Law & Justice sued on behalf of the nine students and three parents from the Our Lady of the Rosary School in Greenville, South Carolina saying they were told during a January 20th visit to remove their matching blue beanies with the message "Rosary - Pro Life" or they would have to leave.*



# MARCH FOR LIFE

## January 23, 2023

This year marked the 49th time thousands went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life. Jeanne Mancini, organizer of the march, did a wonderful job. One of the speakers who provoked a great deal of thought was Tony Dungy, a retired NFL player who led his team to two Super Bowl wins. Dungy spoke about the value of each and every life. He focused on what happened to Damar Hamlin some months ago when he collapsed on the field during an NFL football game and the response that ensued. Thousands had paid a lot of money to see the game and when this happened it seemed as though the earth stood still. People weren't leaving the stadium or complaining that the game never went on. Everyone started to pray. It was amazing to see the team down on their knees asking for God's blessings on Damar. How we all rejoiced to learn some days later that he was doing well and had left the hospital. "That," remarked Dungy, is what we must do. When unexpected events that devastate people take place we must assist them in any way we possible can."

## An Exceptional Order of Religious Nuns

In the U.S. the majority of doctors have indicated that they would recommend an abortion if tests on the unborn child growing in the expectant mother's womb will likely have Down Syndrome. At the same time, tucked away in the French countryside a joyful group known as "The Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb" live in a beautiful priory, where the Divine meets the ordinary. The members of this order were all born with Down Syndrome. Their private chapel, built in 2010, is situated on rolling acreage within a park, surrounded by woodlands, and is especially conducive to private prayer and contemplation. Mother Deline, who

serves as Prioress, says that those with Down Syndrome are "particularly inclined to lead a contemplative life, saying that the sisters have



taken up the motto of Mother Theresa, "*to do small things with great love.*" Mother Deline continues, "We will never be great Theologians. Our life is very simple and without a doubt similar to the secret life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph of Nazareth."

While the Little Sisters organize each day around prayer and worship, they also are inspired by the Benedictine way of life, which balances prayer and work. They spend much of their time cultivating their gardens, harvesting vegetables, weaving scarves and bags and even making tea from medicinal herbs which they sell in special shops where other convents sell their goods. They really have a call from God; "It's a vocation," Mother Deline said. "It is the Sisters who really made the decision."

Mother Deline says that the Little Sisters are able to fulfill their religious vocations because they have the support of able-bodied sisters like herself and Sister Florence who have dedicated their lives to this mission. The sisters want to find young women who want to come to France to join the Community. "We're ready and happy to welcome a young American woman," Mother Deline said. "You have to be trustworthy and faithful." For Mother Deline the joys of life with the Little Sisters is a blessing. "They are teaching us how to be on the path to God."

Contrast this with what is occurring in the U.S. where 92% of Down Syndrome babies are aborted if tests indicate that the child in the womb will have Down Syndrome! This is yet another indication that there are those who believe that only the "planned, the privileged and the perfect." should be allowed to live.

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## The Abortion Pill

Progesterone is the hormone needed to maintain the uterine lining which provides oxygen and nutrients for the unborn child. Without it the baby dies. In a chemical abortion a woman takes this drug then two days later she takes a second pill, called Misoprostol. This causes bleeding (sometimes profuse) and strong contractions to expel the baby. The mother is told to miscarry at home or in a hotel over a toilet. If she were to look closely she would see her dead child. Even at only seven weeks, she is likely to see his or her little fingers & toes. According to the FDA, the abortion pill was responsible for the deaths of twenty-four women and the injury of thousands more. Between 2000 to 2018 it resulted in 24 deaths, 97 ectopic pregnancies, 1042 hospitalizations, 599 blood transfusions and 412 infections, 69 of which were severe. *(Source: Human Life Alliance)*

## The Power of One Person

Presently in Prinsburg, Minnesota a school counselor can legally take a student to an abortion clinic and bring her back to school, and her parents will never know. In response, pro-lifers in that area introduced a Life City Ordinance in that city to expose the abortion industry there. It is similar to a successful model in Texas, Nebraska and other states. For Minnesota, because of court decisions, this is the only way pro-lifers could fight against the abortion industry to stop abortions across that state. Sadly, Minnesota Attorney General Keith wrote a letter to Prinsburg pro-lifers telling them that this effort was “unconstitutional” even though he had never seen the ordinance. In so many cases it is one individual that thwarts the efforts of pro-life people.

***To sin by silence  
when they should protest  
makes cowards of men.***

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

## Protesting a Blasphemous “Clinic Blessing”

More than 40 pro-life people came out in the midst of a snow storm on November 14th of last year to protest and pray against a “clinic blessing” being conducted inside the Whole Woman’s Abortion Mill in Bloomington, Minnesota by anti-life clergy from various denominations. One of the clergy members made an obscene gesture as she drove by them.

## Jane’s Revenge

Jane’s Revenge is an extremist pro-abortion group that encourages and claims responsibility for acts of firebombing, vandalism, and arson in the United States. The attacks began in May, 2022 after a leak of the Dobbs v Jackson decision and the Roe v Wade decision hinted that these decisions which made abortion legal throughout pregnancy would be overturned. Since then according to the Catholic League there have been 130 Catholic Churches and 81 Crisis Pregnancy Centers attacked by this group.

## Civil Rights Leader on the Topic of Abortion

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King was interviewed on radio on January 22nd, the 49th Anniversary of Roe v Wade. Dr. King, who is now a pro-life advocate said of the two abortions she experienced . . . “My first abortion was performed by a doctor who did not even explain to me what was happening.” . . . He said, “You don’t need another baby” and performed a D & C to end the life of the child. She explained, “I had all of the trauma that results from having an abortion - physical damage to my body, eating disorders, the alcohol and the guilt. So many African Americans have been explicitly targeted by the abortion industry.” Dr. King says clearly that “civil rights begins in the womb.” Discussing the topic of racism she said, “We all belong to the same race - the human race.”