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Dear Friends of Life:

As I write this final newsletter of the school year, I feel like Janus.

On one hand, I bid adieu to our longtime Executive Director, Martha Cushwa Short, with quite a bit of mist in my eye. Martha drew me to the mission of PHL fifteen years ago, training me as a speaker at St. Pius X and quietly supporting my very first presentation at Hallahan. For almost two decades, Martha has served as the heart and soul of PHL: getting up early in the freezing cold, traveling to distant points throughout the Delaware Valley, preparing this very Newsletter and always pulling a rabbit from her hat to deliver a great Banquet speaker. These are just a few of the ways that Martha has tirelessly served PHL, as her mother did before her. Martha's unique brand of quiet, determined energy embodied the PHL mission. Martha has elected to step down to, quite naturally and deservedly, attend to her own family. We will all miss you Martha!

As a corollary, as I turn my head I envisage a time of transition for PHL. We are currently vetting candidates to replace Martha on both an interim and permanent basis. On a larger scale, we look to fit PHL into the geometrically accelerating pace of the 21st century. The PHL message will soon spread through social media channels, an updated website, "plug n' play" online video tutorials and so forth. Apart from these "e-innovations," we will adapt our mission to survive in a culture that is increasingly inimical to it. These overhauls are long overdue. In order to keep a mission going for almost 50 years...sometimes you need to step back in order to move forward.

This all being said, the mission that Martha departs and on which we now re-embark is as vital now as it was at its pre-Roe inception: to state that life, in all its forms, is sacred from the moment of conception through natural death. While a simple proposition, it is sadly met with thunderous silence in our schools today. PHL seeks to redress that, by giving a voice to the voiceless, by educating the mis-educated and by witnessing to the simple truth of life.

On a closing note, as President I want to commend the fine efforts of my Board and the patronage of all on a provocative and successful Banquet. Both Jim Wood and Ann McElhinney demonstrated the courage to attest to the truth of life through their professional examples. On the heels of the trailer Ann showed, we are currently arranging a sneak preview of Gosnell: America's Biggest Serial Killer this summer. Please stay tuned for that.

In the interim, I thank you for your continued support of our mission. Have a safe, healthy and restful summer! -

Christopher Eric Paul, Pushaw, Esquire
President, Pennsylvanians for Human Life

*The beauty of PHL
over the years has
always been the
simplicity of its
mission: education.
And the fact that it has
existed and thrived for
the last 46 years is
due in large part to
you...the incredible
loving, generous
hearts of our
volunteers and
supporters.*

*Please
consider
donating to this
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organization*

*dedicated
defending
most vulnerable.
Age-appropriate
age has had an
effective message
that changes hearts
and saves lives.*

*Without your support,
we can no longer be a
voice for the
voiceless.*





Ann McElhinney

Back by Popular Demand!

Ann McElhinney is a NYT best-selling author, journalist, a director and film producer of **Gosnell the Movie**. She spoke at the recent Celebrate Life Banquet



World News

Over one million babies have been killed worldwide by abortion so far in 2018 – A digital counter is illustrating the horrifying scale of abortion around the world ... The Worldometers website [www.worldometers.info/abortions] has real-time counters showing dozens of different statistics, including births, deaths, and public expenditure. It also has one for abortion. [As of January 11, 2018] the number has passed 1.2 million ... The number increases every second or so, each one representing the death of an innocent unborn child. The website uses data from the World Health Organization, which estimates that there are 40-50 million abortions in the world every year, corresponding to approximately 125,000 abortions per day. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children CEO John Smeaton said: "It is truly staggering to think that already in this year, which has barely begun, over a million lives have been lost to abortion. On this, the 51st anniversary of the founding of SPUC, it spurs us to work harder than ever, in cooperation with all like-minded organizations, to put an end to the evil of abortion, both here in Britain and around the world." (SPUC, 1/11/18)

Denmark on Verge of Eradicating All Down Syndrome Births – Denmark is on track to eradicate all Down syndrome births. In 2016, only four Danish children were born with the condition after a prenatal diagnosis; the rest were aborted. Denmark has stricter abortion laws than the United States (an abortion is permitted only in the first 12 weeks), yet the country does allow later-term abortions for women whose babies have been diagnosed with certain disabilities. (LifeSiteNews.com, 12/6/17; CLR LifeWire, 12/7/18)

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Blessings

PHL is surrounded by good, dedicated volunteers and supporters. We could not function without you. We have our treasured speakers who offer their time to travel and share PHL's respect life message in the classroom. Our board of directors guide the organization and keep it steady.

Pro-Life Victories are Everywhere Lifesite News

In 2017, 19 states adopted 63 restrictions on abortion—the highest number of restrictions, according to the Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research arm, since 2013.

And that might be just the beginning. As The Hill noted, “that trend could continue in 2018—state legislatures have proposed 15 bills that would ban abortions after 20 weeks, and 11 bills that would ban abortions if the sole reason is a genetic anomaly like Down Syndrome.”

On January 17, President Donald Trump spoke to the March for Life, addressing tens of thousands of pro-life activists gathered in Washington, DC. It was the first time a sitting president addressed the March.

Also on January 17, Congress passed the Born-Alive Survivors Act, which would protect babies who were born alive after failed attempts to abort them.

On January 18, President Donald Trump announced extensive conscience protections for medical professionals who have ethical, moral, or religious objections to performing abortions—a high priority for the pro-life movement.

On February 26, South Dakota passed a law that requires abortionists to inform women that abortion kills a human being.

On February 28, Iowa passed a law that would ban abortion after the baby's heartbeat began.

On March 5, Tennessee passed a law that would defund Planned Parenthood, a move that came after the abortion giant was revealed to be selling baby body parts.

On March 19, the governor of Mississippi signed the Gestational Age Act, which bans abortion after 15 weeks.

On March 20, Idaho Governor Butch Otter signed legislation that requires abortion workers to inform women that certain abortion procedures can be halted and reversed should they change their mind.

On March 22, the Kentucky Senate passed legislation that would ban the dilation and evacuation abortion procedure after 11 weeks gestation—a procedure that accounts for 16% of abortions in the state.

Also on March 22, the governor of Idaho signed legislation that requires abortionists to formally report how many abortions their patients have.

On March 25, the state of Indiana made it a double-homicide to kill a pregnant woman—in addition to legislation that heightened scrutiny on abortion clinics.

This wave of pro-life legislation is in addition to a steady stream of pro-life judicial appointments to the court on every level, a scenario that concerns abortion activists so much that Vox warned these justices will be pivotal in ensuring pro-life laws get upheld. There is much work to be done, but be encouraged—the pro-life movement is taking territory slowly but steadily.

[https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/take-heart-even-though-planned-parenthood-is-still-funded-pro-life-](https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/take-heart-even-though-planned-parenthood-is-still-funded-pro-life-victorie)

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Eighth Annual Ladies Shopping Luncheon

Sunday, November 18th at noon
Overbrook Golf Club, Villanova

Ladies, mark your calendars. This annual luncheon includes a delicious three course sit-down lunch, beautiful gift baskets, vendor shopping and an opportunity to socialize with your friends.

The **Ireland Getaway** raffle prize will be selected at the luncheon.

The date on the ticket has been changed from November 4th to November 18th.

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Did you know, the PHL office has a large library of books, periodicals and dvd's covering a variety of topics? They may be borrowed.

The 2019 March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 18th!

