

# PRO-LIFE NEWS



*“The life in us, however low it flickers or fiercely burns, is still a divine flame which no man dare to put out...Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred, or intrinsically of no account. It is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one, and in some the other.”*

**Malcolm  
Muggeridge**

## *The Relationship Between Planned Parenthood and Redefining Marriage*

*Commentary by Ryan Anderson -- Author of a new book:  
Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom*

Many of us were disgusted to learn Planned Parenthood is harvesting and selling body parts from aborted children. As the largest provider of abortion in America, Planned Parenthood is part of the problem, on the “supply” side. But as we all learned in Econ 101, there’s both supply and demand.

What’s behind the demand for abortion? A major factor is the breakdown of the family. And the Supreme Court’s ruling to redefine marriage is only taking us further down that road, putting even more unborn children at risk. After all, redefining marriage redefines parenthood.

The best protectors of unborn children are a strong marriage culture and people who take the virtue of chastity seriously. But the new consent-based view of marriage reduces marriage to a mere contract and it makes a culture of chastity harder to foster. And, without a culture of chastity, we will never have a pro-life culture. *(Continued on Page 4)*

### Upcoming Events

**Sept 23 - Nov 1**

*40 Days for Life Campaign*

**Saturday, October 3**

*OPTIONS for WOMEN  
Dinner Show & Auction*

**Sunday, October 25**

*GOOD COUNSEL  
HOMES/SJ  
Annual Banquet*

See Page 3 for details on all upcoming events.

# Marriage -- Where Do We Go From Here? 5 Things You Can Do



1. **Be Role Models of Faithful, Faith-Filled Spouses.** Don't underestimate the influence this can have on your children and others.



2. **Vote.** Elections have consequences. Our next president will likely have the opportunity to appoint as many as four Supreme Court Justices. Better Justices, better outcomes.



3. **We Must Not Go Silent.** It's not easy to talk about this issue with those we disagree--fear of fracturing relationships, fear of being labeled a hater. Ask God to help you say the right things in the right way, always with charity and respect.



4. **Pray.** "Pray without ceasing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



5. **Be Prepared for the Long Haul.** But be confident that the cultural tide can and will turn. Look at the pro-life movement. The millennial generation is more pro-life than the baby boomer generation.



## “40 Days for Life”

### Campaign Begins

We have all been shocked to view the recent videos exposing the terrible truth about the sale of fetal body parts by Planned Parenthood. Abortion is big business and the industry preys on the fears of women in crisis pregnancies.

Many who have not confronted this evil before now are being motivated to fight for their tiny brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you have been wondering what you can do to stand up for justice and human dignity, please join this Fall's 40 Days for Life Campaign. Beginning September 23 over 100,000 people in over 300 cities will be peacefully praying and fasting for an end to abortion. This campaign focuses on maintaining a peaceful presence at local abortion facilities.

Ideally there will be enough volunteers to have a presence 12 hours a day, 7 days a week at the local abortion facility. For us this is the Cherry Hill Women's Center, 502 North Kings Highway in Cherry Hill. Approximately 300 abortions are performed there each week (up until 24 weeks gestation). To those going in for abortions, we are often their last sign of hope. With God's grace, the 40 Days for Life campaign counts 10,331 lives saved since 2007.

Claire Howsen

Local 40 Days Coordinator

**Sign-Ups in  
St. Martha Room**

## Dine

## Dance

## Donate



Two very worthy pro-life organizations in our community are holding their annual banquets in October. Please consider attending one or both of these events. You are guaranteed not only an enjoyable evening out, but will also be supporting mothers, babies and families in need.

Join us at a Mater Ecclesiae table by calling Tracye at 856-770-8488.

### OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

Dinner Show & Live Auction, featuring Springsteen Cover Band, *The Wild and the Innocent*. Saturday, October 3 at 6 PM, at Bellissimo (formerly Marian House), Cherry Hill. Tickets \$40/person, cash bar. Ticket purchase deadline: September 23. Call Andrea: 856-795-0166.

### GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

Annual Banquet featuring *Gordon Douglas*, “Celebrating Life with Laughter” (back by popular demand!). Sunday, October 25 at 4 PM, at Luciens, Berlin. Free will donation. Call: Mary Ann: 215-989-0021.

**More info in  
St. Martha Room**

# The Relationship between Planned Parenthood and Redefining Marriage

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Indeed, both the pro-choice movement and the movement to redefine marriage reduce human community to contract and consent and limit our obligations to other human beings to those we have freely chosen. Consider their slogans: “My body, my choice.” “I consented to sex, not to having a baby!” “Love makes a marriage.” “Marriage should last as long as the love lasts.” They all reflect the belief that consenting adults should do whatever they want to do, a belief that puts adult desire before the needs of children. And weakening marriage will lead to a culture with more nonmarital sex, thus more nonmarital pregnancy, and sadly more abortion.

Redefining marriage will also increase the use of assisted reproductive technologies...To achieve full “marriage equality,” it will be necessary to turn to modern technology. Same-sex couples must use assisted reproductive technologies—with the assistance of sperm donors, egg donors, surrogate wombs, etc.—so they can “have children of their own.”

The misuse of technology should concern us. The more children that are conceived for same-sex couples through assisted reproductive technology, the more children that will be conceived *explicitly and intentionally* outside of a relationship with both their mother and father. A just society makes sacrifices to ensure that children are known and loved by their own mother and father, while doing what it can to help children denied that blessing by misfortune. But misusing technology turns those priorities upside down, *deliberately* increasing the number of children who grow up fatherless or motherless and subordinating children’s needs to adult desires...

Children should be conceived within a relationship that will provide them with the love and care of the man and woman who gave them life. The unborn child has a right to life, yes, but also deserves a mother and father, and where possible the mother and father who brought the child into being. Because of human frailty, it isn’t always possible for a child to be raised in his natural family, but that should be the ideal to which our policy aspires. And we should never *intentionally* deprive a child of such an upbringing. And yet redefining marriage does precisely that.

