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by Robert Kettering

Life is Winning Again in America

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Back in January, when Vice President Mike Pence addressed the March For Life, in Washington DC, he stated that “life is winning in America” and indeed it is. After eight long years of the most pro-abortion presidential administration on record, President Trump has reversed course and reset our country on a path that respects and promotes life. In his first few months, he has achieved significant success in rolling back the pro-abortion policies of the Obama Administration.

Here are a few examples; the appointment of Judge Neil Gorsuch, a strict constructionist, to the U.S. Supreme Court was a major victory. He has also reinstated the “Mexico City Policy”. This policy first initiated by President Reagan, ensures that a private organization is not eligible for foreign aid unless it signs a contract promising not to “actively promote abortion as a method of family planning”. The Trump Administration has also brought back a policy that directs tax dollars away from the United Nations Population Fund. This fund is notorious for being complicit in China’s harsh population control program which includes the human rights violation of forced abortion. Another accomplishment is that the President and Congress worked together to pass a law which allows states to direct funds from the federal Title X program away from providers, such as Planned Parenthood which takes the lives of over 320,000 preborn children each year.

The upcoming election in PA will give voters another clear choice between life and death. The primary focus of this election will be the Judicial races. All seven republican judicial candidates are pro-life and have been endorsed by the PA Pro-life Federation and all seven democratic judicial candidates are either pro-abortion or unknown.

For more information about the pro-life perspective in this falls election, please join us at our Quarterly Breakfast on Saturday, October 14 (see details on page 3) with our guest speaker, Michael Ciccocioppo, executive director of the Pa Pro-life Federation.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Edmund Burke

Life Is Winning

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative PAC Director, PA Pro-Life Federation

The year 2017 has given birth to a series of monumental pro-life victories which could help protect preborn babies and their mothers for years—if not decades—to come.

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time, we were in the throes of the most pro-abortion Presidential Administration on record—one that spent our hard-earned tax dollars on abortions through the controversial health plan best known as Obamacare. The Obama years also brought about federal spending on organizations that perform or promote abortions overseas, allowing the U.S. government to expand abortion worldwide. The nation's largest abortion operation—Planned Parenthood—was literally in the White House, with its abortion-driven president, Cecile Richards, treated as a close adviser to the President.

But now, those dark days are mercifully over. In just the first 100 days in office, pro-life President Donald Trump and his pro-life champion Vice President, Mike Pence, have achieved significant success in rolling back the pro-abortion policies of the Obama era. In essence, they are making America safe for babies and their mothers again.

As the Vice President insightfully stated at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January, life is winning in America. Here's why: The appointment of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court. President Trump had said that he wanted to appoint a Supreme Court justice in the mold of the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia.

Seasoned legal experts say he found just the individual in Judge Neil Gorsuch. Gorsuch is a strict constructionist, meaning that he believes in strictly interpreting the U.S. Constitution, rather than inventing "rights" not found there.

While there are never any guarantees about how Supreme Court Justices will vote in individual cases, this Justice's background indicates that he respects both the law and life itself. For instance, he sided with the Little Sisters of the Poor and the company Hobby Lobby in their legal challenges to the conscience violations imposed by Obamacare. In a book he wrote about assisted suicide, Gorsuch noted, "Human life is fundamentally

and inherently valuable" and that "the intentional taking of human life by private persons is always wrong."

An end to taxpayer funding of organizations that engage in abortion or abortion promotion overseas. President Trump has reinstated what is known as the "Mexico City Policy." This policy, first launched by pro-life President Ronald Reagan, ensures that a private organization is not eligible for foreign aid unless it signs a contract promising not to perform abortions or "actively promote abortion as a method of family planning."

The Trump Administration has also brought back a policy that directs tax money away from the United Nations Population Fund. This fund is notorious for being complicit in China's harsh population control program which includes the human rights violation of forced abortions.

The removal of the administrative shackles preventing states from defunding Planned Parenthood, which takes the lives of more than 320,000 preborn children each year.

President Trump and Congress worked together to pass a law which allows individual states to direct funds from the federal Title X program away from providers, such as Planned Parenthood, which are unsuitable due to a myriad of controversies including taking the lives of preborn babies; allegedly planning or engaging in the sale of baby body parts; and allegations of Medicaid fraud.

The selection of highly respected pro-life advocates to key Administration positions. In addition to selecting pro-life hero Mike Pence as his Vice President, President Trump has appointed a number of superb pro-life experts to positions of great authority, including Jeff Sessions as Attorney General, Tom Price as Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Nikki Haley as United Nations Ambassador. For the first time in history, a Vice President addressed participants at the annual March for Life, and a high-ranking female administration official, Kellyanne Conway, shared her pro-life convictions with the crowd, which was estimated to number in the hundreds of thousands.

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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2017 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Enck's Catering Facility (former Kreider's Restaurant)
1455 Lancaster Rd (Rt. 72), Manheim - use south entrance

Guest Speakers:

Michael Ciccocioppo and Judge Wade Kagarise

Michael Ciccocioppo has served as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation for more than 15 years. He helps Pennsylvanians understand the truth behind abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. He energizes pro-lifers at the grassroots to work for a society that respects human life from conception to natural death.

Judge Wade Kagarise serves as Judge of the Blair County Court of Common Pleas. He is presently the Blair County Assistant District Attorney, 7 years. Blair County Chief Deputy District Attorney, 8 years. Private Practice, Family and Civil Litigation, 12 years. He is also a Member of the Western PA Federal Court Nominating Committee

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-0148) by Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Financial Officer - Is Your Membership Current?

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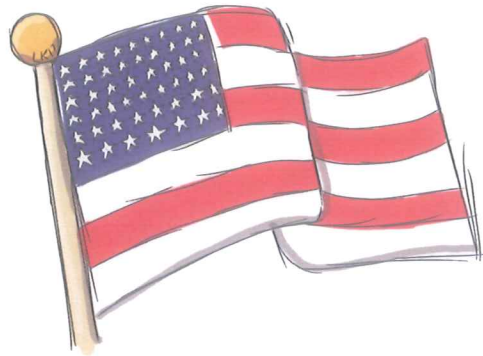
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As the President of National Right to Life, Carol Tobias, said, “Donald Trump ran as a pro-life candidate and pledged he would have a pro-life administration, and he has made good on his word. President Trump remains steadfast in his pro-life position, and we are excited by his pro-life accomplishments in his first 100 days in office. I have no doubt that President Trump’s leadership on behalf of the pro-life cause will continue to not only save lives of the unborn,

but help pave the way for generations to come.”

The fact that President Trump and Vice President Pence celebrated their first 100 days in office with a rally in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, signals how important the Commonwealth is in the rebuilding of pro-life America. The historic appearance demonstrates that the Keystone State is in fact key to the fact that life is winning in America again!



Election Day is
November 7, 2017
7 am - 8 pm

