

THE PRO-LIFE PATRIOT



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PLYC Brings Eric Genuis to Ohio

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The Pro-Life Youth Congress is hosting the First Annual Christmas Concerts for LIFE, and bringing famous virtuoso pianist and composer, Eric Genuis, to perform. Genuis will be performing a pro-life Christmas concert as well as speaking to the audiences about pro-life issues.

Eric Genuis began his career in 1997 when he was invited by a government official to perform for an AIDS benefit concert in Poland. Since his start in Poland, Eric's music and ministry began to grow worldwide. He performs more than 100 concerts worldwide each year.

The proceeds from the concerts will help fund education and scholarship

opportunities for students to learn more about pro-life issues, and it will also provide many students with an opportunity to attend the annual trip to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. Genuis will perform five concerts.

The first will be held at St. Vincent—St. Mary High School on December 9th, the second will be held at Our Lady of Grace in Hinckley on December 10th, the third will be

at St. Mary's in Wooster on the 11th. The weekend concerts will be held at Holy Family in Steubenville on Sat. Dec 12th, and Walsh University in North Canton on Sunday December 13th. All concerts will commence at 7pm and they are all free of charge.

More information on can be found on the PLYC website, www.prolifeyouthcongress.com. Invite all your friends and family!



Tues. Dec. 29th Noon-2pm: Annual P.L.Y.C. Bowl-a-thon in Akron Ohio. See website for details

Tues. Dec. 29th Annual P.L.Y.C. Holiday Mailing Party service project at 3-9, St. Andrew in Norton

Sunday Jan 03, Annual P.L.Y.C. Santa—Bowl Football Game at Frank Farm, Massillon Ohio

First Quarter Congressional Session: JUSTICE

Join us at Holy Family Parish in Stow at 6pm on Friday January 15th— the weekend BEFORE we leave for DC. This will be the first congressional session of the year! Meet in the church basement for a brief meeting followed by mass at 7pm. We will then hear a brilliant presentation by **Father Michael Denk** who will speak on ending abortion. All PLYC members should attend- Bring Friends! We will also be planning the final details for our annual March for Life Bus Trip to DC. Please dress for mass and bring your PLYC binder & Bible. We will also be discussing STUDENT of the MONTH nominations and awards.

JUSTICE : The **moral virtue** that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by **habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor.** "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor." "Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven."

March for Life Rapidly Approaches

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be from January 20th through January 22nd. In order to attend this exciting three day event, go to www.prolifeyouthcongress.com. Find out details about the trip and print the permission slip and medical release form. After filling the forms out, return them, along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to PLYC 572 W. Market St., Suite 3, Akron, OH 44303, Attn: Mary Huggins. The remaining \$150 must be submitted by December 31st to the same address. There will also be fundraisers to help with the costs:

1. Download the Sponsor Letters from website and send to ten potential sponsors!!
2. Annual Bowl-A-Thon, Tuesday December 29
3. Chic-Fil-A fundraiser, dates and locations to be announced. Check web for updates.
4. PLYC Raffle Tickets

For other information on fundraising and financial aid, visit the website www.ProLifeYouthCongress.com.

St. Hilary Pro-Life Rally and Memorial Service

Join fellow pro-lifers and PLYC members at St. Hilary Church in Akron; January 22nd at 5pm through 7pm. This will be a pro-life rally and memorial service for all the unborn! It is the 37th anniversary of Roe V Wade. Dress casual and bring a bible if you like. Check our website for more information at www.prolifeyouthcongress.com.

Upcoming Events at a Glance!!

December 9th-13th —Eric Genuis Concerts— all concerts 7pm-9pm

Wed. Dec 9th: Launching Eric Genuis St. Vincent-St. Mary 15 N. Maple Street, Akron

Thurs. Dec 10th Our Lady of Grace. Hinckley Ohio

Fri: Dec 11th: St. Mary's in Wooster

Sat. Dec 12th : Holy Family in Steubenville Ohio

Sun. Dec 13th: Walsh University

visit www.ProLifeYouthCongress.com for all details, addresses, & Captains

Sunday Night December 27th 3-on-3 PLYC Basketball Tourney visit web for more details

Tuesday December 29th—Annual Bowling Party & Service Project

Get pledges for the annual bowl-a-thon & join fellow PLYC members for a great game of bowling. We will then all drove down to St. Andrew's for a service project - mailing party. Please bring a \$2 donation for pizza.

2010: Happy New Year!!!

Sunday January 3rd —The Annual Santa Bowl Football Game @ Frank Farm from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

January 3rd-17th - Signature Ad Campaign

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Friday January 15—First Quarter Congressional Session

The First Quarter Congressional Session of 2010 will take place on January 15th at Holy Family Parish in Stow from 6-9 pm.

Wednesday January 20-22 March for Life: The 2010 PLYC March for Life Pilgrimage is Wed. January 20-Fri January 22 in Washington, D.C. visit website for documents & details

Reserve your spot on a bus today!

Fri. January 22—St. Hilary Pro-Life Rally and Memorial Service

PLYV & St. Hilary will be hosting a pro-life rally and memorial service on Jan. 22 in the pm. For those who cannot go to Washington DC, come to this exciting event!!

February-March Pro-Life Oratory Contests

April-Annual Education & Appreciation Dinner & PLYC Awards Banquet

May- 2nd Annual Great Debate Pro-Life vs the Abortion Minded Folks

June 23-26, 2010 Alive Christian Music Festival

The Alive Christian Music Festival will be held at Atwood Lake Park from June 23-26, 2010. More information can be found at www.alive.org

July 9th-11th—5th Annual Pro-Life Boot Camp

July 10th—Annual Walk for Life at Hoover Park In N. Canton OH

Silent No More Witnesses

National President of Silent No More Speaks at Archbishop Hoban High School.

Gerogette Forney, president of Silent No More was hosted at Archbishop Hoban Highschool by Theology Teacher Mary Bulgrin. She was brought to Akron, Ohio by STVM President Mary Neugebaur.



From a Father's point of view...

"I wanted you to have a different side to this abortion discussion; a man's side. When I was 17 years old, my girlfriend was 16. We were happy, say, "In love," as it goes. We had some fun together and we did have unprotected sex and never thought of anything else. Anyway she became pregnant and some how at the time, 1975, we found ourselves with the new law that said we could get an abortion. We used her mom's Medicaid card and went downtown and we had, or should I say, "She" had an abortion. I saw some of it and it stayed on my mind. We stayed together for a while after that—I mean we were young and basically life moved on from there. We parted ways.

I soon met my wife and we married—27 years right now. But for many years, I had suffered guilt and sadness involving my part in the decision to have an abortion. Many, many, many years. Television shows and news related to abortions always made me feel sad and depressed. IN addition, I had 3 children of my own. But knowing in the back of my head that I had a fourth child and chose to not have him, and thinking, "Oh. What would have been?" It guilted me always. I did not have any relief from the guilt. I always ask God for forgiveness—out loud and in prayers. I still did not feel right with myself.

Later, in the 1980s era, I had some problems making ends meet; some tough times. Somehow, I was to meet a very nice person—a Baptist minister who would help my family through this hard time. We would talk and say prayers together from time to time. But, one day I confided to the minister about my past; about the abortion and my guilt feelings, etc. He asked me, "Have you asked for God's forgiveness?" I said I had asked God so many times; any time and every time I can. The minister said to me, "You have only to ask God once for your forgiveness." That changed my life because I always asked for that and it seemed that that is what I have now." - Cliff, Kentucky

Words of wisdom from a former abortion provider...

"As a physician in Troy, NY, I performed abortions in my office for eight years. I believed it was "pro-woman" to provide this option. While abortion was never a major part of my practice, as time went on it cause me more and more conflict.

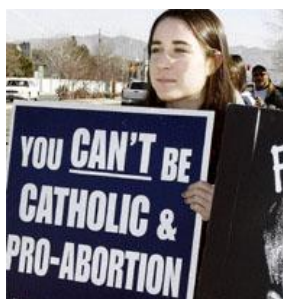
My wife and I were seeking to adopt a child, and all the while I was throwing other people's children in the garbage at the rate of 9 or 10 a week. I began to think, "If only one of these women could give us her child."

Eventually, my wife and I were successful in adoption a healthy girl, Heather. On June 23, 1984, Heather was hit by a car and died. When you lose your child, life is very different. Everything changes. That's when things really changed for me regarding abortion. I realized as never before that the child I was killing in each abortion was somebody's precious child. My own loss enabled me to value life even more.

I began to feel like a paid assassin...and that's exactly what I was. My self-esteem plummeted, and so did my interest in doing abortions. In 1985 I stopped.

I now speak publicly about my pro-life convictions. I want the general public to know, for YOU to know what the doctors know: that this is a person." - Dr. Anthony Levatino, New York.

Testimonies courtesy of www.silentnomoreawareness.org



CATHOLIC BISHOPS TELL SENATORS TO SUPPORT NELSON AMENDMENT BANNING ABORTION FUNDING

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- The nation's Catholic bishops sent a letter to lawmakers today urging them to support the newly-introduced Nelson amendment to ban abortion funding in the Senate government-run health care bill. The amendment is supported by a coalition of bipartisan lawmakers but is expected to be defeated.

Be Inspired Inspire Others

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” - Proverbs 31:8

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“Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants.” - Mother Teresa

“I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born.” - Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States of America

“You have no right to tell a woman that she has to have a child.”

The Flaw: No one in the pro-life movement has ever suggested that women be required to have children. We don’t go marauding around the countryside dragging non-pregnant women in and insisting that they get pregnant. However, when a woman is pregnant it is a biological fact that she already has a child. Our position is that she should not be allowed to murder that child.

“Give us the grace—when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.” - a 1979 homily given by Pope John Paul II

SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

Dear Pro-Life Youth Ambassadors, Thank you so much for saving lives with us & helping to end abortion! **Last year with your support abortion went down 15.2% as 558 babies were saved from a horrible death by abortion in our community last year!!**

Public opinion is swinging towards protecting the Littlest Americans! Just last year only 43% of Americans considered themselves Pro-Life. As Right to Life continues with the Voice for the Voiceless Signature ad Campaigns, American hearts are being turned and opinions are being formed to more publicly declare an end to abortion. Today, **51%** of Americans now proudly call themselves pro-life, for the first time since abortion was made legal. We will include all the materials you will need to make this campaign a huge success as we continue to stand up for the Innocent Unborn: **Please let us know immediately how many you will need.** Please call 330-762-2785 or email greg@summitrtl.com. You can use the signature sheet and/or the envelopes to collect signatures and donations. You should ask Pro-Life volunteers should collect the signatures and donations at a table after Church. Contact us if you would like us to provide you with more signature sheets. Thank you for participating in the 2010 Signature Ad Campaign and help us to build the *Culture of Life!* Your leadership is **greatly** appreciated. Sincerely yours for Life,

Gregory D. Frank,

Executive Director

A COMPARISON OF THE CHANGE IN TOTAL AND RESIDENT

ABORTIONS FROM 2007 TO 2008 IN SIX OHIO COUNTIES HAVING 1000+ ABORTIONS IN BOTH YEARS.

<u>County</u>	<u>N, 2007</u>	<u>N, 2008</u>	<u>N, Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Cuyahoga	9,700	10,038	+338	+3.5%
Franklin	6,594	5,222	-1,372	-20.8%
Hamilton	5,114	5,663	+549	+10.7%
Summit	3,667	3,109	-558	-15.2%
Lucas	2,212	2,338	+126	+5.7%
Montgomery	2,403	2,411	+8	+0.3%
State of Ohio	30,859	29,613	- 1,246	-4.0%

Thus, of the six counties reporting 1,000 or more total abortions in both 2007 and 2008 Summit County showed the second largest percentage decrease. Total abortions in Summit County decreased by 15.2% in 2008. This is the third straight year that Summit County has seen a decrease in abortions.

THE PRO-LIFE PLEDGE

As a member of the Pro Life Youth Congress I do solemnly pledge to preserve, protect, and defend innocent human life in all its stages, from conception to natural death. I pledge to educate, motivate, and advocate within my school, church, and community.

So help me God.



To remain silent when one should protest makes cowards out of men.

- Abraham Lincoln



PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

PRO LIFE SCRIPTURE

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. "Ah Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child. But the Lord God said to me, "Do not say, "I am only a child" you must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. — *Jeremiah 1:5-7*

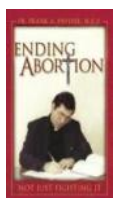


THE PRO-LIFE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

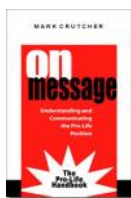
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Born and unborn.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"

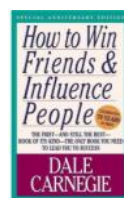
Recommended Reading:



**Ending Abortion:
Not Just Fighting It**
Father Frank Pavone



On Message
Mark Crutcher



**How to Win Friends
and Influence People**
Dale Carnegie