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The 2014
Law of Life Summit

Defeating Roe v. Wade

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Washington, D.C.

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January 24, 2014
San Francisco, CA.
The 2014
Law of Life Summit

Our Program Includes:

1. Law of Life Summit "4" (Washington, D.C.)
   In conjunction with the March for Life Law Conference
   
   When: Tuesday, January 21 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
   Where: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Congressional Rooms A&B (Washington, D.C.)

   Confirmed Speakers include (subject to change):

   In no particular order: Lila Rose (Live Action), Abby Johnson (ATTWN), John-Henry Westen (LifeSiteNews.com), Father Frank Pavone (Priests for Life), Jeanne Monahan (March for Life), Reggie Littlejohn (WRWF), Alan Parker, Esq (Justice Foundation), Troy Newman (Operation Outcry), Fr. Terry Gensemer (CEC For Life), Rebecca Kiessling, Esq (Save the One), Michael Hichborn (American Life League), Father Michael Orsi (Ave Maria School of Law), Dr. Patrick Castle (LIFE Runners), Dana Cody, Esq (Life Legal Defense Foundation), Anne Carmichael (Vitae Foundation), Casey Mattox, Esq (Alliance Defending Freedom), Bobby Schindler (Terri’s Fight), Lauren Muzyka (Sidewalk Advocates), Rob Rysavy (LIFE Runners), Joe Baker (Save the Storks), Donna Harrison, M.D. (AAPOG), Thomas Brejcha (Thomas More Society), Georgette Forney (Anglicans for Life), Michael Acquilano, Esq (Diocese of Charleston), Matt Britton, Esq, and David Bereit (40 Days for Life), Alissa Golob (Campaign Life Coalition), Jeanneane Maxon (AUL), Elizabeth Einhorn (Lex Vitae / AMSL), Tom Glessner (National Institute for Faith & Life Advocates), Bishop Thomas John Paprocki (Diocese of Springfield).

2. Law of Life Summit "West Coast" (San Francisco, CA)
   
   When: Friday, January 24 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
   Where: The Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Francis Hall (San Francisco, CA)

   Confirmed Speakers Include (subject to change):

   In no particular order: Johanna Dasteel (LifeSiteNews.com), Father Frank Pavone (Priests for Life), Anne Carmichael (Vitae Foundation), Reggie Littlejohn (WRWF), Fr. Terry Gensemer (CEC for Life), Dr. Patrick Castle & Rob Sysavy (LIFE Runners), Dean Eugene Millhizer (Ave Maria School of Law), Royce Hood, Esq (Law of Life Summit), Dana Cody, Esq (Life Legal Defense Foundation), Georgette Forney (Anglicans for Life), Teresa Marsano (Walk for Life - Central Coast), Dolores Meehan, (West Coast Walk for Life), Michael Acquilano, Esq (Diocese of Charleston), David Bereit, Shawn Carney and Robert Colquhoun (40 Days for Life), Brendan O'Morchoe (Students for Life of America).
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Thank you for participating in the 2014 Law of Life Summit!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all of our sponsors, all of our speakers and our participating organizations - thank you for coming to the 2014 Law of Life Summit!

Our theme “Defeating Roe” explores how organizations are working to defeat Roe v. Wade either directly (through law or policy) or indirectly (through cultural mediums such as media).

Our goal is to bring together pro-life leaders, students and activists in order to create measurable and achievable objectives for defending the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

The Summit is an opportunity for all of us to share and to inspire. Please consider becoming more involved in the future of the Law of Life Summit. The goal is to create a platform that promotes other pro-life groups while fostering the future leadership of the movement.

Please follow us on twitter @lawoflifesummit. Also, please be sure to visit LawLife.org to sign up for the 2015 Law of Life Summit. Applications for speakers and for participating organizations will open on March 1, 2014.

We march on for those who do not have a voice! Thank you again for all that you do for the defense of human life!

Very Respectfully Yours,

Royce

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PS. Special thanks to my wife Elise for being so supportive during the planning of the Summit! Also, special thanks to Dana Cody, Dr. Pat Castle, Father Michael Orsi, Michael Acquilano, Dean Milhizer, Jeanne Monahan, Mary Lembke, Ann, Bethany and everyone at the MFL, all of the wonderful folks at AUL, 40 Days for Life, the Walk for Life and to all of our distinguished guests not listed in the Summit Program booklet!

PSS. Also, a HUGE THANKS to Paul and Pam Kessen from Allegra Printing of Naples! They have helped from the beginning with printing the Summit Program booklets! I would encourage all participating organizations to give them a call for your printing needs.

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Law of Life Summit Prayer

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of life.

You call us to cherish and protect your greatest gift in creation, men and women made in your image and likeness, from the moment of conception until natural death.

We ask you O God, to give us the wisdom of your Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we in the pro-life movement may work together effectively for our common cause.

Give us the humility to let go of our own pet projects in order to collaborate in the greater goals of our special ministry.

Give us the courage we need to take wise risks in our effort to do your will on behalf of your children, the young, the sick and the old. Because it is only through your power that we can succeed.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Father Michael P. Orsi / Ave Maria School of Law
Royce Hood, Esq. is an Illinois licensed attorney, entrepreneur and activist. He has been involved in multiple catholic and pro-life ventures including the production of film, music and other multimedia tools. Royce is the Organizer of the Law of Life Summit. Royce is also a Board Member with the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

Royce works with Immaculata Law Firm and Julius Capital based out of Chicago. The firms specialize in financing solutions for non-profit and catholic organizations. Royce lives near Chicago with his wife Elise and their daughter Ava Grace.

Michael Acquilano, J.D. | Diocese of Charleston

Mr. Acquilano was hired in May of 2013 to serve as an In-House Attorney (upon passage of the SC Bar) and Director of the South Carolina Catholic Conference for the Diocese of Charleston. He worked at the United Nations as an NGO representative for the Society of Catholic Social Scientists in the February 2011 Commission on the Status of Women, where he worked alongside the Holy See and several ambassadors. Mr. Acquilano and his colleagues’ mission was to promote an international right to life.

Mr. Acquilano serves as a board of director for many pro-life and Catholic organizations around the country and was recently elected Chair of the Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Board of Directors.

Mr. Acquilano has been published in several law journals, most recently in the Ave Maria School of Law, International Law Journal in his article on The Mass implementation of International Sex Education Guidelines and the Legal and Moral Ramifications as Presented by the Roman Catholic Church. Michael’s most recent work, A Society Broken and a Youth Ready to Rebuild was published in The Christian Lawyer in the summer 2013 edition, a publication of the Christian Legal Society. He has appeared on FoxNews and EWTN on several occasions.

Mr. Acquilano graduated from Bentley University in Boston, Massachusetts with a degree in Corporate Finance and Accounting. He later received his law degree from Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. Mr. Acquilano resided in Paris, France during his studies at Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Rouen, one of the top business schools in Europe, where he studied International Finance and Negotiations. Additionally, he lived in Odumasi Krobo, Ghana in 2010 when he was a Business Consultant for Ghana Poultry Network (GAPNET). While in Ghana Mr. Acquilano aided local companies and organized a micro-financing organization to aid impoverished farmers start their own companies.

He is a native of the Finger Lakes Region of New York where his immediate family are abortion abolitionists, aiding women in crisis pregnancy situations. Michael enjoys running, and even completed the Boston Marathon in 2012 with the word “Pro-Life” sewn into his running shorts.
Dana Cody, Esq. | Life Legal Defense Foundation

Dana Cody has been championing the rights of women and the unborn for over twenty years. She started as a lay-counselor to women in crisis pregnancies, and then fulfilled her passion to protect women and children victimized by abortion by obtaining her Juris Doctor from Western State University in 1993.

After graduating from law school, she accepted a post-graduate fellowship with the Rutherford Institute, organized to protect religious liberty and free speech rights. Ms. Cody immediately passed the bar and continued as staff counsel for Rutherford Institute’s Western Regional Office.

After leaving her position as staff counsel, she went to work as a consultant to the Assembly Education Committee, then chaired by pro-life Assembly Member Steve Baldwin. Assemblyman Baldwin was a member of the Assembly Health Committee, which allowed Ms. Cody to consult Mr. Baldwin on life issues.

In 1996, Ms. Cody accepted the invitation to serve as a board member of Life Legal Defense Foundation. After leaving her consulting position she accepted the position as Life Legal’s Executive Director.

Recently Ms. Cody was co-counsel in People’s Advocate v. ICOC, a suit challenging the constitutionality of the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to fund human embryonic stem cell research.

Ms. Cody served as an adjunct professor at Trinity Law School in Santa Ana, California, having taught the course The Right to Life and the Law. She also served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Sacramento Superior Court at the Carol Miller Justice Center.

Dana Cody lives in the Jacksonville, Florida area with her husband, Doug, a PGA teaching professional. She has one son, Jeffrey Townsend, who serves in the United States Navy. He resides in Florida with his wife Jennifer, and their children, Evan and Kiley.

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Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Pat Castle | Co-Founder/President and Coach of the LIFE Runners

"The Law of Life Summit is an awesome mix of Pro-Life leadership and grass-roots action that fuels a big push to overturn Roe. This inspired, mission-focused group realizes the infinite value of each life, with no exceptions or truces.

To overturn Roe, we need a unified movement taking the Gospel of Life into the streets and halls of justice. These great summits step us closer to the finish line that ends abortion (Heb 12:1-2). Join us...All In Christ for Pro-Life!" ~ Dr. Pat Castle

www.LIFERunners.org

Dr. Pat Castle: president, coach, co-founder. Pat is a catalyst and unifying force...All In Christ for Pro-Life! He is blessed with wife Angi and daughters Paige and Grace. He grew up in Sioux Falls, SD. After graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1993, his military service was in TX, CA, CO, Turkey, IL, SD. Pat is now a LtCol medical support squadron commander at Ellsworth AFB, SD. He earned analytical chemistry degrees from the U of IL (MS 1994, PhD 2005). Pat was a bioenvironmental engineer (8 yrs) and an Air Force Academy associate professor of chemistry (7 yrs).


Pat is rooted in the Catholic Christian faith but actively ecumenical with other denominations. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus (since 1992). His ministry leadership includes founding two Bible study groups; 6 yrs with youth education and retreat programs; 8 yrs with Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); Engaged Encounter; LIFE Group Devotions (co-founded 2007); and the National LIFE Runners Team (co-founded 2008).

Father Michael P. Orsi was ordained for the Diocese of Camden in 1976 and has a broad background in teaching and educational administration. Fr. Orsi has authored and co-authored four books and over 300 articles in over 45 journals, magazines and newspapers. He has served as Assistant Chancellor, Assistant Vicar for Pastoral Services, Director of Family Life Bureau, and Coordinator of Pope John Paul II’s visit to New Jersey for the Diocese of Camden.

He has also served as a member of The Institute for Genomic Research at the University of Pennsylvania and as a member of New Jersey’s Advisory Council on AIDS. Fr. Orsi holds a Doctorate in Education from Fordham University, two Master degrees in Theology from Saint Charles Seminary, and a Bachelor of Arts from Cathedral College. He is presently serving as Chaplain and Research Fellow in Law and Religion at Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, Florida. He is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. In 2005 Fr. Orsi was appointed as a Senior Research Associate to the Linacre Center for Bioethics, London, England.

Father Orsi has been instrumental in the production of the Law of Life Summit.

Elizabeth Einhorn is a second year law student at Ave Maria School of Law. Originally from Frederick, Maryland, she holds a B.S. from the University of Notre Dame in Biological Sciences.

Elizabeth was a freshman at Notre Dame in 2009 when President Obama was granted an honorary degree from the Notre Dame Law School. The ambivalence of the student body towards the President's pro-abortion record, inspired her to get involved in the right to life club on campus and ultimately lead to her interest in law.

At Ave Maria School of Law, Elizabeth is the President of Lex Vitae Society, Ave's pro-life club and the largest student organization on campus. She is also a St. Thomas More Scholarship Recipient and an associate editor on the Ave Maria Law Review. Last summer, she worked as an Economic Intern for the U.S. Embassy in Paris. She plans on working in the defense of life and traditional values throughout her law career.
Eugene R. Milhizer, is the President, Dean and a Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law.

Dean Milhizer is recognized as a leader in Catholic education. He has emphasized strengthening the School’s Catholic identity, as reflected by the strong enrollment of Catholic and mission-oriented students, the unprecedented attendance and support of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., and his outspoken advocacy of religious liberty.


He has presented lectures, speeches, and seminars at law schools and other venues across the country, and his legal scholarship has been published in many prestigious law journals. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Member of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, and was a Member of the Michigan Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure. In May 2006, he was appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and in April 2009, he was appointed Interim and then Acting Dean of the Law School.

During the summer of 2009, under his leadership, the Law School successfully accomplished the unprecedented feat of relocating from its Michigan location to a beautiful campus in Naples, Florida.

In January 2010, Dean Milhizer was appointed the Law School’s second President and Dean. Under his leadership as Dean, the faculty has grown in size and quality, the Advanced Critical Thinking Department was formed, the school’s first named chair was established, the co-curricular International Law Journal was launched, and the Curriculum Advisory Board and the Alumni Advisory Council were created. Dean Milhizer is a retired Army Judge Advocate.

He is a native of the Detroit, Michigan area, and holds BA (high distinction) and JD degrees from the University of Michigan, and an LL.M degree from the Judge Advocate General’s School in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he was the first honor graduate in his class and thereafter taught for a three-year appointment.

AveMariaLaw.edu
**David Bereit** is national director of 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking pro-life initiative made up of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach. Over the last six years, more than 600,000 people in 520 cities around the world have participated in 40 Days for Life campaigns. As a result, 8,245 babies have been saved from abortion, 44 abortion centers have gone out of business, and 88 abortion workers have experienced conversions and left the abortion industry.

David has spoken extensively across the United States and around the world, inspiring audiences as large as seventy thousand people. His work has been prominently featured in the media, including coverage on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox News, HBO, hundreds of radio programs, and over one hundred newspapers including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and USA Today.

David has received many prestigious awards, including the Henry Hyde Life Leadership Award, the Students for Life of America Defender of Life Award, and the Walk for Life West Coast St. Gianna Molla Award for Pro-Life Heroism. He will be presented with the Cardinal John J. O’Connor Pro-Life Award at the 2014 Legatus Summit.

David is married to his best friend Margaret, and they reside in Fredericksburg, Virginia with their two children, Claire and Patrick.

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*Note from Royce:* The concept for what would become the Law of Life Summit was inspired by a talk that David gave at Ave Maria School of Law in 2011. David told a story about a young Abraham Lincoln who having heard a speech on the topic of ending slavery said to himself: “I am utterly unable to shake from myself the conviction that I shall be involved in [ending slavery].”*

The following day a group of students and staff had breakfast with David. There was a discussion about the need for more collaboration in the pro-life movement. The first Law of Life Summit was hosted a few months later in Washington, D.C.

* An excerpt from *Abraham Lincoln: The Man & His Faith*, by G. Frederick Owen is included in the back of this booklet.
Georgette Forney is in her 15th year as President of Anglicans for Life, the only global Anglican ministry dedicated to inspiring the Anglican Church to understand and compassionately apply God’s Word when addressing abortion, abstinence, adoption, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

She is also the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, an effort to raise awareness about the physical, spiritual and emotional harm abortion does to women and to let those who are hurting from abortion know help is available. The Campaign began November, 2002.

As of Dec. 2012 the Silent No More Awareness Campaign has held 1,195 Gatherings in 10 countries & 48 states with 5,612 women and men sharing their abortion testimonies. Testimonies have also been shared at 58 high schools and universities in the last three years, 24 in 2012.

There are 1,718 testimonies posted on the Campaign website*, with over 214 that are shared via video! Currently there are 12,865 people registered with the Campaign representing 77 countries.

Georgette had an abortion at age sixteen and later experienced healing, forgiveness and reconciliation after going through an abortion recovery program. Through that she developed a greater understanding of the negative impact abortion has on women and the need to highlight the issue as an abortion survivor. She has spoken at many CPC banquets, pro-life conferences, conventions, churches, rallies, and university and college campuses. She served as the host for the television infomercial “Tilly.” In addition, she has addressed the Pro-Life Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives concerning abortion and women and gave testimony at the Senate Commerce sub-committee on Science, Technology and Space Hearing, regarding the impact of abortion on women’s health. Georgette has spoken at the SPUC Annual Conference in England, Princeton University’s Organization of Women Leaders Conference and in May 2005 she attended a meeting with 19 religious leaders and President Bush. She has done numerous print, radio and television interviews for local, syndicated and national shows, papers and magazines.

Georgette lives in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, with her husband of over 30 years; their daughter Rebekah designs accessories in Brooklyn, NY.


AnglicansForLife.org
SilentNoMoreAwareness.org
Bobby Schindler | Terri’s Life & Hope Network  
*Presenting at the DC Summit*

**Bobby Schindler** is the Executive Director of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, which works to protect the lives of the medically vulnerable and disabled from the threat of euthanasia. The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network was the 2009-2010 recipient of the Gerard Health Life Prizes Award.

The only son of Bob and Mary Schindler, Bobby was born and raised just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with his sisters, Terri and Suzanne. After his graduation from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing, Bobby went on to obtain a degree in meteorology from Florida State University.

Bobby's life took a dramatic and unexpected turn in February of 1990 when his older sister, Terri, suddenly collapsed and was left with a profound cognitive disability. When Terri's estranged husband sought court permission to starve and dehydrate her to death, Bobby was suddenly propelled into a life he'd never imagined. He spoke in defense of his sister's life on numerous national television and radio programs including *Hannity & Colmes*, *Larry King Live*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Glenn Beck Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Early Show*, *The Today Show*, *Dateline NBC*, *the 700 Club*, *EWTN* and many others.

Following Terri's tragic death on March 31, 2005, Bobby gave up his teaching job at Tampa Catholic High School and became a full-time pro-life and disability rights advocate. Today, Bobby through the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network assists families in need of legal action to prevent their loved ones from health care rationing and food and water removal.

Terri's Life & Hope Network has provided resources and support to over 1000 families and has been involved in hundreds of cases helping to protect persons who were in or potentially facing life-threatening situations. He has spoken extensively throughout the U.S. and internationally, having spoken in 44 states, at 29 universities, colleges, and medical schools and in 9 countries abroad which includes addressing giving a firsthand account about Terri's story which was largely misrepresented by the mainstream media. Bobby talks about the effects this case has had across America and about the tens of thousands of individuals living like Terri today.

Bobby has also been asked to testify before state legislatures in Florida, Louisiana, California and Kentucky, and has addressed Members of Parliament in Canada and Australia concerning the protection of the medically vulnerable. He and his family have also authored the book *A Life That Matters* (2006), regarding their decade long struggle to care for his sister Terri. Bobby also co-hosted on *America’s Lifeline*, a weekly radio program that covered such topics as euthanasia, futile care and assisted suicide.

Most recently, Bobby and their organization have begun the dream of the family’s father, Bob Schindler – to establish a rehabilitation center in Terri’s memory.

Unlike other rehabilitation centers, this will be a state of the art center with first class medical staff and administration that will develop a treatment model that is not being offered anywhere else in our country.
Lauren Muzyka, Esq., serves as Executive Director of Sidewalk Advocates for Life where she oversees the management and development of the organization and staff, and ensures that the organization fulfills its mission through its programs and policies.

Lauren is a licensed attorney in Texas whose passion for defending the sanctity of human life led her into the pro-life movement. For over two years, Lauren served as Campaign Strategist for the National 40 Days for Life Team, advising their 300+ campaigns in North America running a local campaign; most recently, she served as Director of Prayer, Civic Action, and Outreach for the CPLC of North Texas.

Lauren holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish from Texas A&M University (2004), as well as an Advanced Certificate in International Affairs (2005). She is a 2009 cum laude graduate of Ave Maria School of Law (AMSOL). While at AMSOL, Lauren served as President of the Lex Vitae Society, Student Bar Association 3L Class Senator, and remained active in Moot Court Board and The Advocate Radio Show. In 2008, Lauren was selected as Best Oralist in the State of Michigan Moot Court Competition, where the AMSOL team also won the championship. She was also selected by her classmates to be a 2009 Student Commencement Speaker.

Lauren has interned with organizations such as Alliance Defending Freedom (Blackstone Fellowship), Americans United for Life, Liberty Institute, Texas Alliance for Life, and the Collin County District Attorney’s Office. She also recently served as Host of “Culture Lifeline,” a pro-life, pro-family radio program on the Guadalupe Radio Network during most of 2013; similarly, she has been a guest on various radio outlets throughout the country.

Lauren additionally serves as a pro-life guest speaker and trained sidewalk counselor of 14 years. Her greatest joy is her relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, being married to her husband of 4 years, Peter, and bringing God’s people together across denominational lines in the pro-life movement.
Rob Rysavy | LIFE Runners
Presenting at DC & San Francisco

Rob Rysavy is a lifelong Catholic, husband, father of six, and an Air Force Colonel. He grew up in South Dakota, and he has lived in Colorado, Florida, Oklahoma, Alabama, and California.

A LIFE Runner member since 2010, he is the organization's vice president of fundraising and a daily devotions author and editor. He enjoys explaining to others why he is a single-issue (Life!) voter. Without the fundamental Right to Life, no other rights matter.

LIFERunners.org

Joe Baker | Save the Storks
Presenting at the DC Summit

Joe Baker has been interested in changing the world ever since he first sued his high school over the right to pass out pro-life flyers and Christian pamphlets nearly 15 years ago. Now, he's built one of most innovative, pro-life non-profits on the market.

After years of work promoting pro-life values, Joe and his wife Ann founded Save The Storks.

Save The Storks is not an animal rights organization, but rather a non-profit company that is building a fleet of sonogram-equipped Mercedes vans for use as mobile medical centers. These units, called Stork Busses, can be used by Pregnancy Resource Centers as a way to reach women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Joe, an itinerant adventurer, lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he and Ann go rock climbing or sky diving on the weekends. Their first child is currently on the way.

SaveTheStorks.com

Note from Royce: LIFE Runners, Save the Storks and Law of Life Summit Productions have teamed up to produce a breakthrough documentary showcasing the A-Cross America Relay. Details coming soon!
Casey Mattox, Esq. | Alliance Defending Freedom
Presenting at the DC Summit

Casey Mattox serves as senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom at its Washington, D.C., Regional Service Center. His litigation efforts focus on sanctity of human life issues, including waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars by the abortion industry.

Prior to serving with Alliance Defending Freedom, Mattox litigated for the Christian Legal Society Center for Law & Religious Freedom, as well as the Rutherford Institute, and clerked for Justice Champ Lyons of the Alabama Supreme Court.

Mattox earned his J.D. from Boston College Law School and is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and numerous other federal courts. AllianceDefendingFreedom.org

Fr. Terry Gensemer | CEC For Life
Presenting at the DC and San Francisco Summits

The International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church believes that life is precious and that the most defenseless victims of violence in our great nation deserve our attention and protection.

CEC For Life seeks to educate and motivate our culture to understand what it means to believe in the Sanctity of Human Life.

Fr. Terry Gensemer served as a pastor for more than 20 years in the Birmingham area. He now serves full-time as the International Director of CEC For Life and a Board Member of the National Pro-life Religious Council. He also serves as Pastoral Care Associate for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Pastoral Director of the Society of Centurions – a group which hosts healing retreats for those who have left the abortion industry. He uses his position as a denominational leader to bring unity and strategy to the Body of Christ.

His expertise includes urban ministry, racial reconciliation and pro-life youth work. Aspastor of several urban churches, Fr. Gensemer has been very active in citywide pro-life activities and in efforts to reach the most vulnerable members of the inner-city community. He developed a mentoring program for at-risk families in 1999 that received national recognition. Fr. Gensemer has authored many articles and his ministry has been featured in numerous magazines in the United States, France, Ireland and the United Kingdom, along with many other national and local radio and television stations and news publications. He speaks at and organizes pro-life events, youth activities, conferences and prayer vigils around the globe, especially in the United States, Brazil, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Great Britain, East Africa, Spain, France and the Philippines. He is married to Dr. Patricia Gensemer and has 2 daughters, Shana and Merissa, as well as 7 grandchildren. CECForLife.com
Rebecca Kiessling, Esq., is a pro-life speaker and family law attorney. She is an adoptee who was conceived in rape and nearly aborted at two back-alley abortionists. She has litigated numerous high-profile cases defending pre-born human life. Rebecca has been an internationally recognized Pro-Life and Adoption Speaker since 1995. She has presented on behalf of numerous right to life and crisis pregnancy center fundraisers, rallies, church and school events, women’s and attorney conferences, adoption events and similar events.

Rebecca has appeared on CBN's "The 700 Club", Good Morning America, CNN's Talk Back Live, CBS News, Canada's 100 Huntley Street, EWTN's Life on the Rock, and Facing Life Head-On. She is the author of the Heritage House ’76 pamphlet “Conceived in Rape: A Story of Home” - which is Rebecca’s personal story of having been conceived in rape and nearly aborted at two back-alley abortionists. She has been honored by Feminists for Life as one of their internationally-named “Remarkable Pro-Life Women” and their "poster child" for the rape-exception poster "Did I Deserve the Death Penalty?" Get copies by going to www.FeministsforLife.org.

Read her full biography at RebeccaKiessling.com

Alissa Golob is the Youth Coordinator for Campaign Life Coalition (CLC), Canada’s oldest and largest national pro-life organization. Alissa currently holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Humanities from Redeemer University.

In March of 2010, Alissa was hired at Campaign Life Coalition in Toronto, for the position of Youth Coordinator. Since then, she has traveled across Canada, addressing Canada’s youth, motivating them to become active in the pro-life movement.

She has been featured on various radio and TV programs including CBC, Global Television, MTV and the 12 Biggest Lies (documentary), and she is a regular on Sun News Network. Alissa recently spearheaded the Defund Abortion Campaign across Ontario, which attracted over 2,000 people. The campaign has received media attention across the province and activated pro-lifers across Canada. Alissa recently represented Canada’s pro-life youth movement at the United Nations’ 57th Commission on the Status of Women in New York, where she lobbied for women’s rights for girls in and out of the womb. She is one of the main organizers of the March for Life, the largest pro-life event in Canada to date, which consists of a pro-life rally on Parliament Hill, a Youth Banquet dinner and a Youth Conference, which attracts over 25,000 people annually. Alissa regularly speaks at conferences and in both public and Catholic high schools about the abortion issue, not only to help educate young people about this issue, but raise awareness about the pro-life movement in Canada.

Anne Carmichael | Vitae Foundation
Presenting at the DC and San Francisco Summits

Anne Carmichael is a vice president for the Vitae Foundation, which is responsible for one of the largest and oldest public information campaigns in history, designed to change our culture and make abortion unthinkable. In her 8 years with the research based media organization, she has led some of their most significant efforts. One of the largest was in 2006. The $2 million educational campaign that moved public opinion in Missouri by 40% resulting in a greater understanding of the differences between adult and embryonic stem cell research.

As the campaign intensified, she then took on the additional role of managing Life Communications Fund, the IRS 501C4 organization that aired the campaign’s $2 million media buy encouraging a “no vote” on the embryonic stem cell/human cloning ballot issue. Due to the proponents’ funding, this still holds the record as the most expensive statewide campaign in Missouri history (over $38 million). While the initiative did pass, the margin of victory was so slim (less than 2%) that Missouri was deemed hostile to embryonic stem cell research and the $300 million expansion of cloning research and facilities into Missouri by proponents of the ballot measure (their motivation for pursuing the measure) was permanently canceled. A post-election poll showed that a majority of those that voted against Amendment 2 indicated that they received their information from television.

Anne has raised more than $3 million for Vitae’s life-saving ad strategies. She manages all of their corporate social media as well as their North Central Region which includes the Greater Kansas City market. In 2013 she opened the 3rd largest market in the country – Chicago, and after conducting market research, a high impact Internet strategy was launched there in December. She spearheaded an aggressive but risky billboard campaign in Greater Kansas City for Vitae that has saved more than 250 babies to date – most were from abortion minded mothers. When the campaign began in 2009, it was only the third market in which Vitae had used out-of-home marketing. This medium was a shift from Vitae’s broadcast media marketing niche. Deborah Neel, director of The Women’s Clinic in Greater Kansas City (2 locations), recently described Anne as, “A tireless and long-standing champion for the unborn.”

Anne is also currently a member of the National LIFE Runners board of directors (VP for Communications), a LIFE Runners devotions author and Mid-MO Chapter leader. In the last three years, she has finished 6 half’s and 1 full marathon using those efforts to raise funds ($7,500) for pro life organizations.

Anne has been honored by several organizations including Zonta International’s Women of Achievement; International Biographical Centre; Marquis Who’s Who; and Outstanding Young Woman of America. She is also an honors graduate from William Woods University (summa cum laude) and a life-long member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Jefferson City. She has been married to her husband Jim for 29 years and they have 3 children. In her spare time she writes for her blog, Running for Life, www.asicsmom.com with a readership that spans 87 countries. In addition to that she manages other Internet properties including her website www.annecarmichael.com.

Also see VitaeFoundation.org

Alan Parker, Esq. | The Justice Foundation
Allan E. Parker is the President of the Justice Foundation, is a former Professor of Law at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, where he taught Education Law and Civil Procedure.

He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas, and studied International Human Rights at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg, France. He taught International Human Rights at the St. Mary’s Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria in 1992.

The Justice Foundation is the lead counsel for Norma McCorvey, formerly “Roe” of Roe v. Wade, and Sandra Cano, the “Doe” of Doe v. Bolton, in their effort to overturn the two landmark cases that brought legalized abortion on demand to America. “Both women are deeply concerned and have come to the conviction that abortion is not the answer for women who are in a vulnerable pregnancy,” said Allan Parker, President of the Justice Foundation.

Mr. Parker is the author of numerous works on school choice and a frequent lecturer on education topics. He and the Justice Foundation were selected in 1996 by the Texas State Board of Education to evaluate the Texas Open-Enrollment Charter Program.

Prior to teaching, Mr. Parker was in the general civil practice of law as a trial lawyer. He was Board Certified in Civil Trial (1987-1992) and Personal Injury Trial Law (1988-1993) by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Mr. Parker received his J.D. degree with high honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1979. He was an Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review, a Chancellor, Order of the Coif, and Order of Barristers for his outstanding advocacy skills. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in Economics in 1974.

The Justice Foundation provides free legal representation in landmark cases to protect women’s health, property rights, limited government, free markets and parental rights. TJF, through litigation and education, seeks to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights essential to the preservation of American society. To reinvigorate public education, strengthen the family, and promote the private sector business climate, government must be limited to its traditional and appropriate role.
Kristan Hawkins & Brendan O’Morchoe | Students for Life of America

Video Presentation at the DC and San Francisco Summits

Kristan was hired in 2006 to lead Students for Life of America (SFLA). Since launching SFLA’s full-time operation, Kristan has helped more than triple the number of campus pro-life groups in the United States, from 181 to almost 800 in 49 states. She has also helped grow the SFLA National Conference into the largest pro-life conference in the nation.

Brendan was hired in 2011 as the National Director of Field Operations for Students for Life of America (SFLA), leading the field program and the almost 800 pro-life student groups across the nation. Since he started with SFLA, the field team has started 233 campus pro-life groups and trained thousands of students in pro-life activism and leadership.

StudentsForLife.com

Michael Hichborn | American Life League

Presenting at the DC Summit

Michael Hichborn is American Life League's Director of 'Defend the Faith', a project devoted to assisting bishops across the country defend the Catholic Church from attacks both from without as well as from within.

In this capacity, Michael has researched and produced an annual report on organizations receiving grant money from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The annual report, exposes dozens of grantees that are promoting abortion, birth control, homosexuality and Marxism, has led to a nation-wide review of the CCHD and a tightening of its guidelines.

Michael has also conducted research on Catholic hospital systems that are involved in the performance of abortions and sterilizations; he wrote a detailed report on abortion and contraception-providing organizations receiving money from Catholic Relief Services; and produced a detailed report on Obamacare and its danger to women, preborn babies and the elderly.

In addition to his work as Director of Defend the Faith, Michael is also the host of the online video series, The American Life League Report. This popular video series features expose's and explanations of the Culture of Death and its work in our country and in our Church. His two most viewed videos are a 7 minute mini documentary on Margaret Sanger (Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood's Racist Founder) and a 6 minute expose' of Planned Parenthood's sex programs for kids (Hooking Kids on Sex). These and other videos can be seen at www.all.org/youtube.
Jeanneane Maxon is Vice President of External Affairs and Corporate Counsel for Americans United for Life.

As the daughter of a fourteen-year executive director of a crisis pregnancy center in Amarillo, Texas, Jeanneane has been involved in the pro-life movement since age seven.

An avid spokesperson on pro-life issues, Jeanneane frequently appears in media, including a recent Christian Broadcast Network feature story on pro-life pregnancy center advocacy airing on “The 700 Club.” She has been actively involved in pro-life legislative battles, and has been called to testify before numerous state legislative bodies. Jeanneane is in high demand as a keynote speaker for pro-life public awareness events, having presented before dozens of such events with audiences typically ranging from 300 to 1500 attendees.

Also serving as an educator on legal issues, Jeanneane has lectured in workshops in numerous national conferences hosted by a range of non-profit organizations, as well as dozens of webinars and regional workshops. In 2011, Jeanneane co-authored a 600+ page manual entitled *Legal Solutions: A Legal Resource for Life-Affirming Pregnancy Help Organizations*. For forty publications, Jeanneane also served as the primary author and Editor in-Chief of *Legal Care*, a monthly legal newsletter for pro-life pregnancy support organizations.

Jeanneane actively serves in pro-life leadership. She is a Board member for “And Then There Were None,” a ministry founded by former Planned Parenthood Director Abby Johnson to assist abortion clinic workers desiring to leave the abortion industry. She is an Advisory Board member for the Texas Center for Defense of Life, for the Care Net Pregnancy and Family Services of Puget Sound, and for the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Greater Concord. She is a member of the Christian Legal Society, the State Bar Association of New Hampshire, and is an allied attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund. From 2008 through 2011, Jeanneane was a Board member and Board Secretary for Americans United for Life.

Prior to joining AUL, Jeanneane interned for Justice Robert Cordy of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and for Justice Duane Benton of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She practiced as a commercial litigation attorney at Devine, Millimet and Branch in Manchester, New Hampshire and then served as General Counsel of Care Net, a national pro-life pregnancy center network.

She is the author of an award winning college thesis entitled Richard Nixon’s Rapprochement with China, 1969-1972: An Important Yet Overly Praised Step in American Foreign Policy.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and History from Westminster College, graduating *summa cum laude* and co-valedictorian, and a law degree from Boston University School of Law, graduating *cum laude*.
**Thomas Glessner, J.D. | National Institute of Family & Life Advocates**

*Presenting at the DC Summit*

A graduate of the University of Washington, School of Law in Seattle in 1977, Thomas A. Glessner is the founder and President of the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), a public interest law firm founded in 1993 and committed to legal counsel and training for pregnancy resource centers. NIFLA represents approximately 1,200 pregnancy resource centers across the country.

As the CEO of NIFLA, Mr. Glessner has developed and implemented legal guidelines for pregnancy resource centers to enable them to convert their operations into licensed medical clinics and provide for abortion-minded clients’ medical services such as ultrasound.

Mr. Glessner and his wife, Laura, live in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and have four children — Joshua, SaraLynn, Brannan and Jefferson.

Read his full biography at [learn more about NIFLA at nifla.org](nifla.org)

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**Teresa Marsano | Central Coast Walk 4 Life**

*Presenting at the San Francisco Summit*

**Teresa Marsano** is a cradle pro-lifer. She is living proof that God has a plan in preparing even the meekest of souls for His good works in protecting the sanctity and dignity of life. Inspired by a tragic phone call 37 years ago from a dear friend in tears, after an abortion … she began to work more earnestly in pro-life awareness and outreach. It was eventually in youth ministry that she saw the potential of inspiring a whole new generation of pro-lifers through music. From toddlers to teenagers, music became her loving witness to the precious gift of life.

Three years ago, God promoted her to the ‘front line’ as coordinator of the Central Coast Walk 4 Life in San Luis Obispo, CA which is being dedicated this year, in loving memory, to her dear friend and mentor Judge ‘Bill’ Clark. “The Judge left me with two gifts that I cherish dearly and that help get me up and moving every day for LIFE … (1) ‘It’s amazing what we can accomplish when we stop worrying about who gets the credit’ and (2) ‘Keep your shovel sharp, stay in the trenches and keep advancing the troops … we already know who wins the war!’” Teresa lives in Santa Margarita, California. She is the proud mother of two amazing young men and still manages her ‘day job’ as a Realtor for Life ([lldf.org/real-estate-for-life](lldf.org/real-estate-for-life)). She continues to lead music ministry at Mission College Prep High School (the host facility for the annual walk), and every other Sunday at Chapel Hill on the Clark Ranch in Shandon, CA.

Learn more at [walkforlifecc.org](walkforlifecc.org)
Tom Brejcha is the President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society. Tom Brejcha brings over four decades of legal experience to his work as president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, a national non-profit public interest law firm based in Chicago. He has been fighting court battles for pro-lifers for over 27 years.

Tom grew up on Chicago’s South Side, attending Catholic schools and graduating with honors from Notre Dame. He won a competitive Root-Tilden Scholarship to New York University Law School where he was a top editor of the Law Review and Class Representative for other members of the Class of ’68.

Serving as an Army Captain in Vietnam in 1969-70, Tom was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal, after which he enrolled on the GI Bill to pursue further studies at the Sorbonne and Alliance Francaise in Paris. After returning home, he became a successful business litigator in two private law firms, handling antitrust, securities, labor, as well as other cases – including two cases that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1986, Tom volunteered to assist the principal named defendants in the infamous N.O.W. vs. Scheidler case – an epic-scale federal class action lawsuit brought by the National Organization for Women and a class of almost all U.S. abortion providers against pro-life leaders and groups. The abortion forces claimed the pro-lifers had formed a massive national conspiracy, comprising “as many as a million co-conspirators,” to shut down the abortion industry by violating the federal antitrust, extortion, and racketeering (“RICO”) laws. The case was so large and complex that it crowded Tom out of his business law practice. When his law partners told him to “quit the case or quit the firm,” he resigned his law partnership and co-founded the Thomas More Society with Joe and Ann Scheidler in March, 1997. N.O.W. vs. Scheidler went before the U.S. Supreme Court three times. The pro-life defendants finally prevailed by decisive margins of 8-1 in 2003 and then again by 8-0 in 2006 (Justice O’Connor having retired before the decision was announced, or else it would have been 9-0).

Tom has appeared before Congressional Committees (Judiciary, Ways & Means) and on many national and local broadcast shows and other media, including Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly and Sean Hannity shows, MSNBC’s Martin Bashir show, and on CNN and 700 Club news features. Many organizations have given him awards for his legal work and pro-life commitment, including Catholic Charities, Pro-Life Action League, Catholic Citizens of Illinois, National Lawyers Association, Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, and Illinois Students for Life.

A featured speaker before many national and local groups, Tom has presented at the March for Life, National Catholic Bioethics Council’s Bishops Conference, SpeakOut Illinois, the Law of Life Summit, National Council of Catholic Women, American Bar Association, National Lawyers Association, and other groups.

Tom lives in Evanston, IL with his wife, Deborah, a recently retired high school Spanish teacher and amateur painter. They have two sons, Matthew, a marketing executive based in the Chicago area, and Peter, a lawyer in Los Angeles.
Fr. Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O’Connor. He is a priest of the Amarillo Diocese and serves full-time in pro-life leadership with his bishop’s permission. In 1993 he became National Director of Priests for Life. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel’s Vineyard, the world’s largest ministry of healing after abortion.

He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and television networks. He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on the life issues, and has addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives. The Vatican appointed him to the Pontifical Council for the Family, which coordinates the pro-life activities of the Catholic Church. He also serves as a member of the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life.

He was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying and was an outspoken advocate for her life. He was invited by members of the Class of 2009 at Notre Dame to lead an alternate commencement ceremony for those students who refused to attend the ceremony in which President Obama was honored. Fr. Frank was invited by members of Congress to preach at the prayer service they had in the Capitol just prior to the vote on health care reform. He received the “Proudly Pro-life Award” by the National Right to Life Committee, and numerous other pro-life awards and honorary doctorates. He is the author of two books, Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It, and Pro-life Reflections for Every Day. Norma McCorvey, the “Jane Roe” of the Supreme Court’s Roe vs. Wade abortion decision, called Fr. Frank “the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church.” He can be reached at www.priestsforlife.org.

Priests for Life was founded in 1991 in San Francisco with a goal of empowering Catholic priests to be the best possible advocates for life. Since Father Frank Pavone took over as National Director in 1993 and moved the organization to New York City, Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries have remained true to that mission while also growing in outreach -- to women and men harmed by their abortion experiences; to African-Americans, Hispanics and youth. Priests for Life has a presence at the United Nations and works with leaders across the globe in working to stop the spread of “abortion on demand” laws. In the political realm, the organization provides materials for voters, and for religious congregations and charitable organizations that might be unsure of how active they can be politically.

PriestsForLife.org
Jeanne Monahan was recently appointed to the role of President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. In this capacity she proudly directs a small non-profit organization committed to restoring a culture of life in the United States, most notably through the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., held on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Previously Jeanne worked with the Family Research Council (FRC), where she focused on issues related to the inherent dignity of the human person, including abortion, women’s health, and end-of-life issues.

Prior to FRC Jeanne worked for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary. Her federal government experience includes global health policy, as well as domestic and international health care issues. Before working in public policy, Jeanne worked for the Catholic Church in a variety of positions involving educating on life issues, human sexuality, marriage, and family.

Jeanne has made frequent media appearances including interviews on NBC’s Nightly News with Brian Williams, CNN’s John King USA and FOX News Hour with Brett Baier. Jeanne’s writings have appeared in U.S. News and World Report, USA Today, the Washington Post and numerous others publications.

Jeanne holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from James Madison University and a Masters degree in the theology of marriage and family from the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

January 22, 1973 is ingrained in the minds of pro-life-ers because on that infamous historic day the Supreme Court invalidated 50 state laws and made abortion legal and available on demand throughout the United States in the now-infamous decisions in Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton.

The MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C., began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

On August 13, 2012, Nellie Gray founder of the March for Life and pioneer of the pro-life movement, went home to be with God. Her work lives on in all of us who seek to protect human life from conception to natural death.
**John-Henry Westen** | LifeSiteNews.com  
*Presenting at the DC Summit*


A veteran journalist and commentator, John-Henry Westen is the author of thousands of articles on life, family, faith and public affairs; his [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com) articles have appeared in hundreds of publications worldwide.

He has spoken at conferences and retreats in Canada, Italy, the United States and India. He has appeared on numerous radio and television shows throughout North America, New Zealand, Poland and India.

John-Henry Westen is a happily married father of eight children and sits on the executive of the Canadian National March for Life Committee, and the annual National Pro-Life Youth Conference. In addition he is a consultant to Canada’s largest pro-life organization Campaign Life Coalition, and serves on the executive of the Ontario branch of the organization. He has run three times for political office in the province of Ontario representing the Family Coalition Party. John-Henry earned an MA from the University of Toronto in School and Child Clinical Psychology and an Honors BA from York University in Psychology.

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**Johanna Dasteel** | LifeSiteNews.com  
*Presenting at the San Francisco Summit*

**Johanna Dasteel** is a correspondent with LifeSiteNews.com.

Johanna received her Bachelor’s degree in theology from Ave Maria University in 2007. After graduating, Johanna joined American Life League as Senior Congressional Liaison. Focusing on educating public servants in Congress and in state legislatures, Johanna also worked on the ground level with activists on rhetoric and strategies for winning back the right to life of the preborn and defunding Planned Parenthood. Born in California and raised as a ski bum in Colorado, Johanna now resides in San Diego and strums on her banjo in her spare time.”
**Shawn Carney & Robert Colquhoun | 40 Days for Life**

*Presenting at the San Francisco Summit*

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**Shawn Carney** is Campaign Director of 40 Days for Life. Shawn became director of the local pro-life organization he volunteered for while in college, Coalition for Life. He is one of the youngest and most sought after pro-life speakers in America, and regularly addresses audiences coast-to-coast and internationally. Shawn’s work has been featured in hundreds of media stories including Fox News Channel’s The O’Reilly Factor, the Laura Ingraham Show, Drudge Report, and Focus on the Family.

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**Robert Colquhoun** is the UK campaign director and international outreach coordinator for 40 Days for Life.

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**Matt Britton, Esq. | 40 Days for Life**

*Presenting at the DC Summit*

**Matt Britton** has been married to his wife, Libby for 21 years and they have eight children. Matt is earned his undergraduate degrees from Boston College; Master's Degree in Forensic Sciences from George Washington University; and Law Degree from Washington University in St Louis. Matt recently ended his public law career after four terms as the elected prosecutor in Virginia. Matt is currently in private practice as in-house counsel and has recently joined the Board for 40 Days for Life.

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**40 Days for Life** is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

**The next campaign begins:**
Next campaign: March 5 – April 13. Applications open until January 29

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Dolores Meehan | Walk For Life
Presenting at the San Francisco Summit

Dolores Meehan is co-chair of Walk for Life West Coast and works as a systems analyst professionally. A fourth generation San Franciscan, she has become a strong advocate for faithful Catholicism in San Francisco, in California, and nationally. She is known as a pro-life and pro-marriage speaker and has appeared frequently on Catholic Answers Live and EWTN.

She was heavily involved as a speaker and in behind-the-scenes organization in the California campaigns to pass Proposition 4 and Proposition 8.

She is pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at the Dominican School of Philosophy at the Graduate Theological Union because of her desire to apply sound philosophical principles to ethical issues of life, family, and marriage in the public square. Her other work includes earlier time volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity in their AIDS hospice in San Francisco.

The Walk for Life West Coast held its first annual Walk for Life in 2005 with well over 7,000 pro-lifers in attendance. The WFL has been growing each year ever since! In 2013 well over 50,000 pro-lifers participated. On January 26, 2013, in a special message delivered by his delegate, to tens of thousands gathered in front of San Francisco’s City Hall, Pope Benedict XVI commended the “outstanding public witness to the fundamental human right to life” of the Walk for Life West Coast.

The West Coast Walk for Life Mission:

To change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer. Abortion does violence to women and to their children, both physically and emotionally. We deserve better than abortion.

We intend to establish a new West Coast tradition of celebrating life and we’re calling for solidarity among women and all people of good will in affirming human life.

Abortion harms women and men; it divides families and society. Women–and all people–deserve better than abortion. We strive to shed light on all issues of life, but particularly to change hearts hurt by the violence of abortion.

Visit WalkForLifeWC.com to learn more.
Donna Harrison, M.D. is a board certified obstetrician and gynecologist and is the Executive Director of the American Association of ProLife Obstetricians and Gynecologists (www.aaplog.org). AAPLOG is the largest pro-life physician organization in the world, and was recognized as a special interest group within the American College (Congress) of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) for over 40 years from 1973 to 2013, until ACOG discontinued the use of the term “special interest group” within the Congress.

Dr. Harrison is also Director of Research and Public Policy within AAPLOG, and has served as President as well as as the Chairman of the AAPLOG Subcommittee on Mifepristone.

Dr. Harrison’s research interests include RU-486 and Ella, long-term risks of abortion and maternal mortality. She has lectured extensively as a Continuing Medical Education Speaker to physician groups, medical professional groups, and medical schools in the United States and Internationally on topics of Medical Abortion with Mifepristone and Misoprostol, Adverse Events associated with Mifepristone and Misoprostol, Emergency contraception with Ulipristal, Maternal Mortality and the association with Abortion, and Post Abortion Short and Long term complications. She is an Adjunct Professor at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL, recently teaching a postgraduate Continuing Medical Education Seminar on Current Reproductive Technologies Ethical Implications. She has authored peer reviewed papers on the RU-486 approval process, Adverse Events associated with medical abortion with mifepristone and misoprostol, and mechanisms of action of ulipristal. She has also spoken before the FDA Reproductive Health Advisory Committees on mifepristone and ulipristal and has addressed numerous congressional committees, as well as presenting at the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women accessory sessions on topics related to medical abortion in developing nations, and maternal mortality and abortion.
Reggie Littlejohn is Founder and President of Women’s Rights Without Frontiers, an international coalition to expose and oppose forced abortion, gendercide and sexual slavery in China. Reggie also led the international effort to free blind activist Chen Guangcheng, who arrived in the United States on May 19, 2012. She and Chen Guangcheng appeared together on a Voice of America broadcast on January 31, 2013.

Women’s Rights Without Frontiers seeks to form a left-right, human rights and humanitarian coalition to end forced abortion and gendercide. Both pro-life and pro-choice venues have embraced this message. Reggie received the National Pro-Life Recognition Award at the 40th March for Life in Washington, DC on January 25, 2013. She was also the keynote speaker for the 2013 March for Life Canada in Ottawa, and for the 2013 National Right to Life Convention in Dallas.

An acclaimed international expert on China’s One Child Policy, Reggie has testified six times at the United States Congress, three times at the European Parliament, and she has presented at the British, Irish and Canadian Parliaments as well. Her first address at the European Parliament redefined the debate about China’s One Child Policy, revealing it to be systematic, state-sponsored violence against women. This address was included as a chapter in the book, Human Rights in China After the Olympic Games, (Human Rights Without Frontiers, 2009), available on Amazon.com.

Reggie has briefed officials at the White House, the United States Department of State, the United Nations and the Vatican. She is a frequent guest on radio and television programs, including CNN, C-SPAN and the BBC, and has issued several groundbreaking reports that are included in the Congressional Record.

Reggie is prominently featured in “It’s a Girl,” the authoritative documentary film about gendercide in China and India. She premiered the film at the European and British Parliaments in November 2012 and in Capitol Hill Visitors Center Auditorium in Washington, DC in April, 2013. She screened the film three times at the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women in March, 2013.

Learn more about Reggie and WRWF at www.womensrightswithoutfrontiers.org
Troy Newman | Operation Outcry
Presenting at the DC Summit

Adopted at birth and raised in San Diego, Troy Newman has more than 27 years of experience and leadership in business and pro-life ministry and has had great success growing Christian organizations. Troy is an accomplished strategist with remarkable insight. His vision, expertise, and leadership have brought about a dramatic reduction in the numbers of abortions and abortion providers throughout the Southwest and Kansas. His work has been featured in the Rolling Stone Magazine, GQ, USA Today, WND.com, the LA Times, NYT, and a host of other print media. Troy is a sought after spokesperson for the pro-life cause who is regularly featured on radio programs and television news broadcasts. Troy is the current co-host of Life Talk, a monthly video magazine. His unique insights have been published in nearly every newspaper in the United States.

As president of Operation Rescue since 1999 Troy offers a rare blend of theological wisdom and organizational strengths, Troy has achieved exciting results, permanently closing abortion mills, sparing babies from abortion, and changing lives through the public offering of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is recognized for his growing success in developing and applying cutting-edge pro-life strategies. Troy’s work is directly credited with closing at least 18 abortion clinics in San Diego County alone and influencing over 50 abortionists to cease participation in the abortion industry. Through Troy’s, innovative and advice hundreds of abortion clinics have closed. Troy recently closed an abortion clinic by purchasing the property and evicting the abortionist, that property is now home to Operation Rescue’s national headquarters. His peaceful, proactive, approach to the Life issues is reflected in his work as President of Operation Rescue and as former Director of the American Missionary Association, where his aggressive leadership has forged bottom line results.

Troy has pioneered the tracking of closed abortion clinics and botched abortions. Troy has the documented evidence that 72% of the nation’s abortion mills have closed since 1991, on his groundbreaking website, www.AbortionDocs.Org.

Troy was the architect and innovator of the Truth Truck campaign, the Show the Truth Tours. Troy worked for eight years in Wichita, KS to close the nation’s largest late-term abortion clinic. Today that community is abortion free!

Troy Newman’s exceptional track record of peaceful, direct action is based on his rock solid Christian worldview. He is able to speak on almost any Life or theological issue with clarity. Troy hosted a weekly radio show, “Rescue Radio,” for nearly 6 years and is an invited speaker in many churches and pro-life functions. Troy has authored 3 books, Their Blood Cries Out and Am I Now Your Enemy for Telling You the Truth, and his forthcoming book published by WND.com called Abortion Free.

Troy other business interests include real estate development investments and rental properties. Troy’s hobbies are hunting, ranching, and gardening. Troy has two Black Belts in Martial Arts and is married with five children. He and his wife home-school their five children on a small farm in Kansas. Learn more at OperationOutcry.org.


Abby Johnson has always had a fierce determination to help women in need. It was this desire that both led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, our nation’s largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement.

Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group.

During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose in the organization’s ranks and became a clinic director. She was increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity that they fought to decrease. Still, Abby loved the women that entered her clinic and her fellow workers. Despite a growing unrest within her, she stayed on and strove to serve women in crisis.

All of that changed on September 26, 2009 when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. She watched in horror as a 13 week baby fought, and ultimately lost, its life at the hand of the abortionist. At that moment, the full realization of what abortion was and what she had dedicated her life to washed over Abby and a dramatic transformation took place.

Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

Planned Parenthood did not take Abby’s exodus sitting down. They are fully aware that the workers who leave are their greatest threat. Instantly, they took action to silence Abby with a gag order and took her to court. The lawsuit was quickly seen as the sham it was and thrown out of court.

The media was, and continues to be, intensely interested in Abby’s story as well as her continued efforts to advocate for the unborn and help clinic workers escape the abortion industry. She is a frequently requested guest on Fox News and a variety of other shows and the author of the nationally best-selling book, Unplanned, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit.

Today, Abby travels across the globe sharing her story, educating the public on pro-life issues, advocating for the unborn, and reaching out to abortion clinic staff who still work in the industry. She is the Chief Research Strategist for Live Action Films, Senior Policy Advisor for American United for Life and works on projects for various pro-life organizations. Abby lives in Texas with her husband and precious daughter. She is grateful to God for her calling to speak for life and considers herself to be incredibly blessed.

Learn more at attwn.org and abbyjohnson.org
In November, 1985, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin appointed Fr. Paprocki Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago and in 1987 sent him to do post-graduate studies in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He completed his doctoral degree in 1991. Father Paprocki then returned to his previous position in Chicago as Vice-Chancellor and was appointed Chancellor in March, 1992, serving in that capacity under Cardinal Bernardin and then under Cardinal Francis George, following Cardinal Bernardin’s death in 1996.

Concluding his service as Chancellor after two terms in office in June, 2000, Father Paprocki studied Polish language and culture at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. In January 2001, he was appointed Pastor of St. Constance Parish, serving primarily a large immigrant community from Poland on the northwest side of Chicago. Pope John Paul II appointed him to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago on January 24, 2003. Cardinal George named him Liaison for Health and Hospital Affairs in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Bishop Paprocki was elected Vice-President of the Illinois Catholic Health Association and Vice-Chairman of the John Paul II Foundation in Rome. Bishop Paprocki is Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance as well as the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty. In addition to English, he speaks Polish, Spanish and Italian, and he reads Latin. On June 22, 2010, Bishop Paprocki was installed the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. In May 2013 he received his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree from the University of Notre Dame.


Bishop Paprocki is also a member of the LIFE Runners Advisory Board.

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Lila Rose | Live Action  
*Presenting at the DC Summit*

Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life.

Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group uses new media to teach the public about the humanity of the unborn and investigative journalism to expose threats against the vulnerable and defenseless.

As Live Action's president, Lila leads undercover investigations into America's most notorious abortion facilities, shining a light on the greatest human rights abuse of our time through national media campaigns. Live Action also focuses on educating youth across the country, using its student magazine, The Advocate, and in-depth education programs to spread the truth about human dignity, equal protection for all people, and the evils of the abortion industry. Live Action hosts Live Action News, a widely read pro-life news site, and oversees the largest pro-life social media platform on the web, including over 600,000 Facebook fans and over 30,000 followers on Twitter.

Lila is a regular guest on The O'Reilly Factor, Hannity, The Laura Ingraham Show, as well as many other national TV and radio programs. Her work has been featured on practically every major news outlet, from CBS to CNN, from the Los Angeles Times to the Washington Post.

Recently, Lila was named among Red Alert’s “30 under 30” and among National Journal's "25 Most Influential Washington Women Under 35." She is an international public speaker on family and culture issues.

Learn more at LiveAction.org
Excerpt from book that David Bereit talked about at AMSL in 2011.

This is a shortened version of the story told in “Abraham Lincoln: The Man & His Faith,” by G. Frederick Owen:

In August 1837, young Abraham Lincoln attended a camp meeting at a church six miles west of Springfield, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter Akers delivered a sermon on “The Dominion of Jesus Christ,” which he believed could not come in America until slavery was ultimately destroyed by civil war.

At the climax of his sermon, Rev. Akers cried out at the top of his voice: “Who can tell but that the man who shall lead us through the strife may be standing in this presence!” Thirty feet away stood Lincoln, drinking in every word.

On the wagon ride home that night, Lincoln told his colleagues: “It was the most instructive sermon, and he is the most impressive preacher, I have ever heard. The Doctor has persuaded me that American slavery will go down with the crash of a civil war.” After a few moments of silence, he added: “Gentlemen, you may be surprised and think it strange, but when the Doctor was describing the Civil War, I distinctly saw myself bearing an important part in that strife.”

The next day, when talking with his law partner who had not attended the camp meeting, Lincoln said: “I am utterly unable to shake from myself the conviction that I shall be involved in that tragedy.”

Reflection: Who can tell, but is the man or woman who shall lead us to end abortion standing in this presence?

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