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The purpose of this newsletter is to help educate, update, and inspire those interested in pro-life issues.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From September 24 – November 2 St. Paul church will join other churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford to take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in the Archdiocese of Hartford community — and beyond. Please participate by signing up for daily updates, attend Eucharistic Adoration, or be present for a rosary hour outside an Archdiocese-designated abortion clinic in Hartford. To participate, send email to [respectlife@stpaulkensington.org](mailto:respectlife@stpaulkensington.org) or call Tony & Helen at [860-829-9879](tel:860-829-9879).

**NEW MASSACHUSETTS LAW RESTRICTING PEACEFUL SIDEWALK COUNSELING BY CATHOLICS**

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/cardinal-blasts-unjust-new-restrictions-on-pro-life-speech-in-massachusetts>

Massachusetts' Governor Patrick signed into law on July 30, 2014 new restrictions on the free speech rights of pro-life sidewalk counselors. This is a blow to all Catholics who are involved in saving lives by offering women hope who are contemplating abortion. The reason this is such a huge news story is because on June 26 the Supreme Court unanimously struck down an existing law that establishes a "buffer zone" around abortion facilities. That law, crafted with the help of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, pushed counselors back 35 feet from any abortion clinic in the state. Supreme Court said the law went too far by infringing on the free speech of pro-life activists. Because of the high court's decision in favor of free speech rights, Massachusetts "adopted a new law with lightning quick speed" ... "The new law, called the "Act to Promote Public Safety and Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities," will give the police sole authority to decide whether a counselor's actions are inhibiting a woman's access to an abortion facility. Those deemed disruptive may be sent to stand 25 feet away from the abortion facility's entrance for up to eight hours at a time, or until the close of business. "This bill is worse than the one just overturned," according to a statement from MFCL [Massachusetts Citizens for Life]." Pro-life attorney Michael Deprimo said that "The reality is that individuals in the abortion industry have a business incentive to falsely characterize any attempt at pro-life communication on the public ways outside abortion clinics as a form of harassment or intimidation, no matter how peaceful"... "State pro-life groups are already threatening to sue. But Democratic State Sen. Harriette Chandler said, 'It will stand up to constitutional muster.'"

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYS AT KOREAN CEMETERY FOR ABORTED BABIES ON KOREA TRIP**

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-prays-at-korean-cemetery-for-aborted-babies-82851>

"In Seoul, South Korea on Aug 16 "...Pope Francis stopped and prayed for a few minutes at local cemetery for aborted children. The Holy Father got out of the Kia Pope Mobile in which he was being transported to pray at this location, accompanied by a Korean Bishop and a priest acting as his translator. With his hands clasped together, Pope Francis prayed in silence before this cemetery which contains a prominent statue of the Holy Family and a great quantity of white crosses commemorating the children who have been aborted. In comments to CNA, Kim Doh Woo, a teacher in Kkottognae, explained that "this is the place where we pray for the babies, for those babies that were killed by abortion." "Many people visit this place and pray for their baby or for other babies. This cross is not a tomb, but rather it represents the baby's soul; this is a place of prayer." After having prayed at the cemetery, the Holy Father returned to the Pope Mobile and made his way towards the "School of Love" in Kkottognae where he concluded his public schedule with a special encounter with 6,000 Korean religious."

## **POPE DENOUNCES MORAL RELATIVISM ON KOREA TRIP**

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pope-francis-denounces-moral-relativism-on-korea-trip>

"Pope Francis denounced the trend of moral relativism during a meeting on Sunday with Catholic bishops from Korea and around Asia. Christians must avoid the temptation "to compromise our faith, to water down the radical demands of the Gospel and to conform to the spirit of this age," the Pope said. He said that dialogue is "an essential part of the mission of the Church in Asia" but added that it is impossible unless we are "clear about what we are." He warned against not only formal, philosophical relativism, but the "everyday practical relativism which almost imperceptibly saps our sense of identity." The remarks to the Asian bishops followed a brief, solemn visit by the pope to a symbolic "cemetery" for victims of abortion on Saturday where he prayed silently in a field of hundreds of white crosses. While the abortion law in South Korea restricts it to cases of pregnancy due to rape or incest or where the child is thought to have a "severe" genetic disorder, the abortion rate in the country is thought to be one of the highest in the world. Korean health authorities estimate the abortion rate to be about 340,000 per year, out of a population of about 50 million, though this number does not take into account abortions on unmarried women. The Korean total fertility rate remains one of the lowest in the world at about 1.25 children born per woman."

## **NEW CAMPAIGN ASKS POPE FRANCIS TO DECLARE PLANNED PARENTHOOD AN 'ENEMY OF THE CHURCH'**

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/new-campaign-asks-pope-francis-to-declare-planned-parenthood-an-enemy-of-th>

"The Catholic pro-life organization American Life League (ALL) is launching a campaign calling for the Catholic Church to declare Planned Parenthood an "enemy of the Church." Using prayer and education, ALL's Defend the Family campaign seeks to expose the nation's largest abortion provider for contribution to the destruction of human lives, as well as the family. The campaign, said Jim Sedlack, vice-president of ALL, is quite simply "a way of calling attention to the fact that this is a very bad organization." "Planned Parenthood is attacking the family, either by killing preborn children or by robbing the souls of the older children," he said. A declaration that PP is an "enemy of the Church" would mean that Catholics who work with, advocate for, or support Planned Parenthood, incur automatic excommunication. Such a declaration would not be unprecedented. Popes in the past have identified and condemned organizations that posed a grave threat to the Church, most recently Pope Pius XII in 1949 with Communism and Pope Clement XII in 1738 with Freemasonry. While specifics would depend on the wording of the Papal pronouncement, Sedlak told LifeSiteNews if the Holy Father makes the declaration there would be no mistaking its intent. "When the pope makes the declaration it becomes crystal clear," Sedlak said. "There'll be no shades of gray, it'll be black and white, it'll be clear to the world."