



Spring News 2013 Sanctity of Life Ministries

A Little History of Pro-Life

Kay Gardner, Center Director of FPHC

As we know, the Roe vs. Wade decision legalized abortion in 1973. At that time, some opposed abortion based on religious beliefs but others responded with a resounding, 'Don't impose your religious beliefs on me.' By necessity, the pro-life response enlarged to the issue that abortion also violated civil and human rights set forth by the constitution: "All men are created equal and they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." Education on fetal development headed to the forefront to present challenging arguments to those supporting abortion. By the late 80s and early 90s the pro-life movement was growing and its opposition resorted to extensive market research and focus groups to generate its new defense. The 'passenger inside the mother' issue was replaced by, "Who gets to decide, the woman or the government?" The 'right to choose' was born! The turning of the tide affected political life and those politicians once nominally against abortion became openly pro-abortion. Thus, pro-life lost some political strength. In short, the issue had changed from the consideration, "The person inside the mother is a real baby so abortion must be stopped," to "The person inside the mother is a real baby and even though I don't really believe in abortion, I do believe that a woman has the right to choose—so I'm not for abolishing the abortion laws."

Today, 25% of people in this country are strongly pro-life and 25% are weakly or strongly pro-abortion which leaves 50% of people conflicted. Pro-choicers accuse the opposition of caring more for the baby than the woman carrying the pregnancy. SLM counters this notion that pro-lifers care more about the baby by its compassionate mission to care about both—to the extent of our loving and serving the post-abortive woman.

Adapted from authors Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilke, Why Can't We Love Them Both.



Sanctity of Life Ministries 2013 Fellowship Dinner

UPDATE

Stan Kellner, CEO of SLM

We gathered on April 5th to celebrate God's goodness during the past year. We were blessed by our worship leader, Chris Douglas and greatly impacted by Sydna Masse as she shared her own abortion story. We were all moved by the client testimonies including Maria and Gio who are featured on our "Dancing Baby" Video. Our prayer is that every facet of the evening highlighted our purpose for existence – Life in Christ...Life in the Womb.

Our financial goal for the evening was \$275,000. God has brought in approximately \$190,000 to date. If you have an interest in making a financial gift, we'd love to have you join in. Over the next number of months we'll be finalizing our medical expansion to Alexandria and broadening our culture impact through various social media tools. Our goal is to reach more abortion-minded clients and with your help we can do this!

“I liked the atmosphere of the center and how respectful the staff were to me. I also liked the fact that my counselor was very interested in my needs.”
(Client Quote)

STATEMENT

MISSION

Sanctity of Life Ministries exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm life in the womb.

We fulfill our mission by offering compassionate support, education and medical services to those who face challenging sexual health decisions.

Life in Christ...Life in the womb

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“I came in about a year ago and was confused about my pregnancy. I didn't know where to go or what I was going to do. I thought, 'My family and boyfriend would abandon me.' A nice lady talked to me about it and I had an ultrasound there.

To make a long story short I proceeded with the pregnancy. The father and I are married and have been blessed beyond belief with clothing and diapers from family and friends. Both sides of our family adore the baby!!

My life is different and challenging but I'm absolutely in love with him! So thank you! My daily prayer for him is that he brings joy & happiness to everyone he encounters....and so far with his smile, he is doing just that! ” (Client Quote)

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LAURA LAVELLE

It is always bittersweet when saying good-bye to one of our staff. Laura Lavelle has been used by God for over 10 years at SLM serving in various capacities—including Donor Relations and Production and Design. He has been honing her production and design skills that readied her last fall for the new crossroad of 'going out on her own' to serve other area pregnancy centers. We will continue to benefit from Laura's skills on a project by project basis.

Laura, thank you for your heart for Jesus, your heart for prayer and your passion for the unborn! You will be missed.



CORNER

PRAYER

Praise God for

- ♥ Ultrasound services bringing more abortion vulnerable clients to our centers
- ♥ SLM volunteers - intercessors, admin helpers, client advocates, board members, board advisors, church champions, and event coordinators.

Pray that

- ♥ Clients who choose life in Christ and life in the womb would grow in their relationship with the Lord and become good parents.
- ♥ Our new Earn While You Learn program would be a blessing to our clients
- ♥ All the piece's of the puzzle will be put together soon, then we will initiate medical expansion to our Alexandria Center by the end of the summer.

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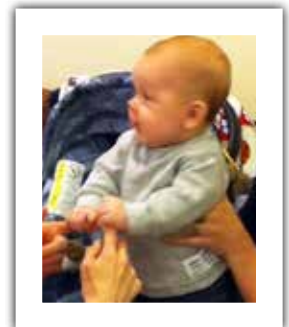
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