

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE EDUCATION SERVICES

2026 Celebrate Life Banquet

Mother Nature threw us for a loop with an approaching snowstorm, yet some two hundred valiant pro-life supporters attended PHL's annual fundraiser event. Our scheduled keynote speaker, Dr. Robert George and Lifetime Achievement Honoree Dr. Marianne Ritchie Gordon were unable to travel but will be scheduled for next year's annual event. Deacon Al Clay, Most Reverend Keith Chylinski and Most Reverend Joseph Coffey stepped in as guest speakers. The Margaret Hoffner Award, given annually to those who have made significant contributions to the pro-life cause courageously, was awarded to the St. Peter Respect Life Committee of West Brandywine. Mr. Joseph Aquilante, PHL's Educational Advisor and Director, recognized local student leaders for their educational efforts in area high schools and service to pro-life peer outreach.



Area student leaders with Bishop Keith Chylinski and Bishop Joseph Coffey at the 2026 Celebrate Life Banquet

"The PHL Celebrate Life Banquet sends a clear message to those in the Philadelphia region abortion is not a cherished right, but a scar upon the nation. Our pro-life witness continues the resilience of pro-lifers demonstrated here." (Rev. Bishop Coffey)



.High school student leaders recognized at the Banq



Members of St. Peter Respect Life Committee honored with the Margaret Hoffner Award

PENNSYLVANIA UPDATE.....

Pennsylvania's recent decision from the Commonwealth Court in *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services* declared a constitutional "right to reproductive autonomy." mandating taxpayer-funded abortion. In response, Maria Gallagher, Executive Director of the PA ProLife Federation, a statewide right-to-life organization promoting the dignity and value of human from conception to natural death and working to restore legal protection for the preborn, issued this statement, "The Commonwealth Court decision would mean widespread taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid. The Court also declared a so-called "right to reproductive autonomy, without explaining what that means." Director Gallagher also stated, "We are waiting to see whether the Pennsylvania Attorney General, Dave Sunday, will appeal the case to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court."

For updates and more information on this and other pro-life updates, please contact our office at 610-696-

0780 or info@paforhumanlife.org.

IMPROVING PRO-LIFE POLLS

Multiple polls from 2025 and 2026 show gains in life sentiment. These include polls conducted by Pew, Gallup and Associated Press. This is particularly encouraging, yet unsurprising in the aftermath of the United States Supreme Court as pro-life initiatives and legislation were subject to much misleading coverage by mainstream media.

PHL will continue to operate this summer. Our library is current with new books, literature and videos, including access to pro-life podcasts through your generosity. Thank you!

Medical Aid in Dying Expands

Reverend Lawrence Holland, a Canadian Catholic priest, was hospitalized on Christmas day after falling in his bathroom. Father Larry, 79, fractured his hip and went to Vancouver General Hospital for his injury. Though his condition was not diagnosed as fatal, a doctor stated aiding death would be optional through Canada's taxpayer-funded government Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) if his condition worsened. Father Holland made his moral opposition to euthanasia known citing Catholic doctrine which forbids the practice. During the week of hospitalization, a nurse also offered Father Holland the MAID option, which he called a sense of "false compassion." Vancouver Coastal Health, the taxpayer-funded government health authority that operates Vancouver General Hospital under Canada's healthcare system, responded with "Hospital staff consider bringing up MAID based on their clinical judgment, providing they possess the necessary knowledge and skills to do so." Legalized assisted suicide began in 2016 under former Prime Minister Trudeau. The country has the fastest-growing assisted suicide (MAID) program in the world. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) estimated at the end of 2025, a total of 94,125 Canadians died as a result of government assisted suicide putting it on track to be the first country to record over 100,000 such deaths in 2026. Additionally, the heads of psychiatry at 13 Canadian medical schools are calling on the federal government to stop the expansion of assisting in the deaths of patients whose sole condition is mental illness. Canada's Parliament appointed the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD). The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition requested the Joint Committee stop euthanasia for mental illness diagnosis and order review of Canada's Euthanasia Law.

Rx for Abortion

The United States Supreme Court issued a temporary order allowing continued mail distribution of the abortion drugs, mifepristone and misoprostol, while litigation proceeds. The order is set to expire within days, as the Court considers next steps in the case. In response the Catholic Medical Association submitted a paper to the Food and Drug Administration on the drugs' dangers in the context of telemedicine. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has since moved to dismiss three different lawsuits filed by states to challenge the status of the drug, citing FDA safety reviews. The CMA now urgently asks the FDA to restore Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) even more, to revisit the legally dubious approval of the drug. The former REMS requirement for in-person doctor's office visits would determine gestational age accurately, whether a pregnancy is ectopic, and screen for cases of abuse and human trafficking, all of which are critical for the health and safety of women. The required follow-up appointments would help with other potential complications. With respect to the DOJ, regardless of the FDA's safety review, CMA also asked to rescind application of the Comstock Act to mailing of prescription drugs used for abortions, and to enforce the Comstock Act (namely, U.S.C. Sections 1461, 1462) against entities that send mifepristone by mail or carrier shipping, language explicitly makes these activities unlawful. This relates to "shield laws" which some states use to protect abortionists who provide assistance to states with protecting laws for moms and their babies.

Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life, commented, "Today's action by the Court is not a final ruling on the merits of the case. It is a temporary procedural step that leaves unresolved the very real concerns about the safety of these drugs and the Biden Administration's FDA decision

to recklessly remove longstanding safeguards." "When abortion drugs are mailed across state lines with little or no medical oversight, women are left to manage potentially dangerous complication on their own," Tobia said. "This is not compassionate care; it is a dangerous experiment on women." *National Right to Life, May 2026.*

Men and Abortion Healing...

Football standout Nyles Pinckney was defensive tackle at Clemson University when his girlfriend became pregnant. After experiencing the pain of abortion, Pinckney works as the men's healing coordinator for Support After Abortion, a national nonprofit that helps not only women, but men heal after abortion. Pinckney and his girlfriend learned about the chemical abortion pill and ordered it with very little information and assurance that likely the pill may result in "a little cramping, a little bleeding." However, the experience was worse. Several days later when she sent him a photo of what was said would be a clot of blood, it was the embryo visible. Pinckney said the abortion experience was never addressed but caused much anguish, the relationship did not last and likely both had regrets that were never sorted through. Support After Abortion has a national hotline (833-403-4325) and online resources for people seeking help. "Nationally, one in five men will be impacted by abortion before the age of 45." In our research, 71 percent of men report changes in themselves. "I am part of that 71 percent," Pinckney said.



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Pennsylvania March for Life 2026

September 21, 2026

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