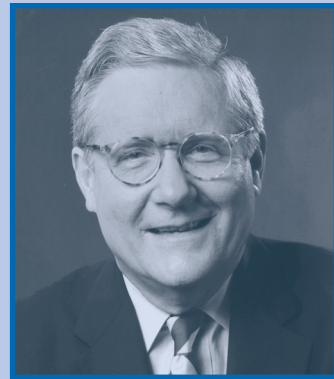


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Fred Barnes on the pro-life movement

"That the pro-life movement is bigger is a given. It's also younger, increasingly entrepreneurial, more strategic in its thinking, better organized, tougher in dealing with allies and enemies alike, almost wildly ambitious, and more relentless than ever.

All that is dwarfed by an even bigger change. Pro-lifers have captured the high moral ground, chiefly thanks to advances in the quality of sonograms. Once fuzzy, sonograms now provide a high-resolution picture of the unborn child in the womb. Fetuses have become babies."

Hidden Persuaders: The Unheralded Gains of the Pro-Life Movement
The Weekly Standard • November 7, 2011

Is Purdue Pete pro-life?

Purdue Pete caused a miniature explosion of intolerance in October when he paused to pose with two young participants at a Life Chain event in West Lafayette. The photo op apparently raised the ire of some of the most strident abortion supporters in the community, one of whom added extra venom in a letter to the editor of a student newspaper, writing, "Purdue Pete could have turned his back and avoided having his picture taken with the pro-lifers recently. Such a display by our university's mascot with supporters of a group of people who have a record of killing doctors and bombing health clinics must result in the immediate replacement of that student as a representative of Purdue."



Is Purdue Pete pro-life? According to Tom Schott, associate athletics director at Purdue, Purdue Pete was simply asked to stop and have his picture taken with the Life Chain participants and he willingly obliged.

Indiana Knights of Columbus planning bus trip the March for Life in Washington

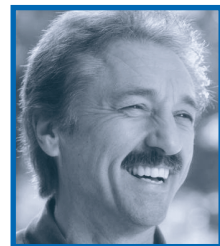
The Indiana State Council of Knights of Columbus is organizing a bus trip for the March for Life in Washington, D.C., which will be held on Monday, January 23. The March for Life is the largest annual gathering of Americans who oppose the Roe vs. Wade decision and wish to show their solidarity in the fight to save the unborn. The March begins midway from the National Mall and continues up Constitution Avenue, passes the Supreme Court building and ends while people stand at that building in silence remembering the children who will never have the chance to see our nation's capital or witness any of the true wonders of life.



The group will depart Indiana on January 21 and return on January 24. Total cost for participants is expected to be \$250 per person including hotel and transportation. For more information, visit www.indianakofc.org or email prolife@indianakofc.org.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." - Luke 2:9-12

180 movie producer Ray Comfort featured in exclusive interview



Ray Comfort, producer of the 180 film that has taken the internet by storm with over 1.4 million views since its launch in late September, is featured guest on a special edition of our Protecting Life podcast now posted online. The interview also aired on eight Indiana radio stations across Indiana in mid-November.

the Holocaust. Throughout the course of the film, viewers watch as young people move from flippant to serious as Comfort conducts on-the-street interviews that capture honest answers to probing questions. The film's title comes from the 180 degree change in most of the persons interviewed when pressed on whether or not they consider themselves "pro-choice" or pro-life.

To listen to this exclusive interview with Ray Comfort, visit the "Resources" tab at www.irtl.org and look for the special podcast section. A limited number of free 180 study guides are also available on request by emailing 180@protectinglife.com

Comfort's 180 project is a 33-minute pro-life film that documents the responses of young adults to questions about their stance on abortion, but also includes discussions on Adolf Hitler and

Abortion clinic loophole opens door for dangerous RU-486 abortion centers in Indiana

A grave loophole in Indiana law is now putting Indiana communities at risk of having RU-486 chemical abortions done locally at facilities not required to be licensed as abortion clinics. The loophole, which appears in IC 16-18-2-1.5, defines an abortion clinic as "a freestanding entity that performs surgical abortion procedures." Since RU-486 abortions are chemically, not surgically, induced, any facility that engages in RU-486 abortions only is not required to meet any of the licensing or inspection standards for Indiana abortion clinics.

Planned Parenthood of Indiana, the state's largest abortion business, is currently exploiting this loophole by doing RU-486 abortions at its Lafayette office, which is not licensed as an abortion clinic, near Purdue University. If the loophole remains open, there is virtually nothing that stands in the way of Planned Parenthood or other businesses expanding RU-486 abortions to Indiana communities that are currently abortion clinic free, or attempting to do RU-486 abortions using the so-called "telemed" process in which a doctor administers the RU-486 abortion drug to women from a remote location via computer screen.

Communities that are at the highest risk of expanded RU-486 abortion operations include Evansville, New Albany, Columbus, Terre Haute, Muncie and Anderson.

Indiana Right to Life is asking state legislators to take immediate action in the 2012 legislature to close this dangerous loophole and to place strong restrictions on the use of the RU-486 drug in Indiana.

Helping to protect the unborn!

If you become aware of the RU-486 drug being dispensed in your community, please contact Indiana Right to Life at irtl@protectinglife.com immediately with details.



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Mike Fichter Column

Remember back in the days before people pepper-sprayed other customers vying for a Black Friday doorbusters, and when Cyber Monday could have been the title for a Star Trek episode? Those were the days when the Sears catalogue was the basis for the Christmas wish lists of kids everywhere, myself included. I still remember the thrill each Christmas season when the catalogue would magically arrive at our home (or at least it seemed so), and for weeks to follow I would thumb through the pages and dream of what might lie beneath the tree on Christmas morning.

Those were the days before megastores and the internet, days when the Sears catalogue was the only place to see the latest and greatest in toys and apparel. Where else could you find Gumby, G.I. Joe, Lincoln Logs and those crazy electric football games, all in one place?

Those were simpler days – days when Christmas wishes meant something more, days when families watched Charlie Brown's Christmas and the smell of Tollhouse cookies filled the air, days when Christmas Eve church services brought entire communities together to celebrate the birth of Christ. Nowadays, Charlie Brown competes with over 200 channels on satellite TV. Baking cookies has become inconvenient and, in some circles, politically incorrect. And more and more churches are eliminating Christmas Eve services in deference to social gatherings deemed more relevant in this age of entertainment. I don't think I'll ever understand that one.

Times are changing. But I still believe in Christmas wishes because I still believe in Christmas. Not the Christmas that has become the great American escape from reality, but the Christmas in which the God of the universe turned the world upside down by sending His son, His only son, on a mission that no one else could accomplish.

Over two thousand years ago, on that one dark night in the census-choked town of Bethlehem, a baby boy was born who would change the world forever. Ahead of Him lay three nails, a crown of thorns, and a broken heart. But for this one night – this one holy night – the angels sang, the shepherds bowed, a star pierced the blackest of nights, and His mother held Him tightly to her own beating heart.

It happened. It really happened. And all of the Black Friday ads combined cannot cover the glory of the God who took on flesh as He grew in His mother's womb before entering the world with a birth that still sets church bells to ringing around the world.

May you and your family enjoy a blessed Christmas.

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Mike Fichter to address national Students for Life conference

Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter is scheduled to join Students for Life President Kristan Hawkins and 40 Days for Life Director David Bereit in a leadership workshop at the 2012 Students for Life of America (SFLA) national conference in Bethesda, Maryland, on January 22. The event is expected to be attended by over 1,800 students from over 150 universities worldwide, making the SFLA National Conference the largest pro-life youth conference in the world.

The conference will feature a day full of education, training, and networking among college students and national pro-life leaders who care to make a difference on their college and university campuses by proclaiming the pro-life message. The event is widely regarded as the premiere pro-life conference of the year.

FFL training camps to go statewide



Friends for Life, a pro-life boot camp for teens pioneered by Allen County Right to Life in Fort Wayne, is preparing to go statewide in 2012 with up to four regional one-day camps across the state. The expansion project will open up new doors of opportunity for the next generation of pro-life leaders to learn how to defend the pro-life perspective and to advance to cause of life among peers and in future endeavors.

The current target areas for regional camps in 2012 include Indianapolis, Evansville, Merrillville, and Terre Haute. Discussions are also underway with campus leaders in Indiana with the goal of coordinating training sessions at some of Indiana's largest universities.

The one-day camps will serve also serve as regional "feeders" for the more extensive multi-day camp which will be held in Fort Wayne. The long-term vision is to develop a training system that can be duplicated in communities across the nation as an extension of Indiana Right to Life's commitment to raise up the next generation of pro-life leaders.

Critical issues at stake in 2012 legislature

How do you follow a history-making 2011 legislative session in Indiana? With another historic session in 2012. Indiana Right to Life's legislative team is already moving forward with the promotion of numerous initiatives in the 2012 session that will help to save more lives and make it more difficult to operate abortion businesses in the state of Indiana.

Key initiatives expected to be addressed by the 2012 legislature include:

Requiring the Indiana State Department of Health to produce a full-color informed consent brochure that must be given to women considering abortion.

The brochure must include photographs detailing the development of children in the womb at various stages as well as information on the ability to hear a fetal heartbeat and to view an ultrasound. Risks of, and alternatives to, abortion must also be detailed as required by Indiana law. Currently, abortion clinics are required to provide this information in writing, but there is no standardized format or quality control.

Closing the grandfather clause that exempts abortion clinics operating prior to July 1, 2006, from meeting the physical building requirements section of Indiana's abortion clinic licensing and inspection standards adopted in 2005.

The language of the clause appears to perpetually extend the exemption so that these abortion clinics are never required to come in to compliance. Ending the grandfather clause will force abortion clinics to undergo costly renovations or lose their operating licenses.



Closing the loophole in Indiana's legal definition of an abortion clinic so that RU-486 abortions may not be done in facilities not licensed or inspected as abortion clinics in Indiana. As detailed in an accompanying story in this newsletter, as long as this loophole stays open, every Indiana community is at risk of having RU-486 abortion operations extended to their areas.

Establishing standards for the humane disposal of aborted children. Currently in Indiana, only abortion clinic operators know how the bodies of aborted unborn children are disposed of. The status of current Indiana law leaves the door open for abortion clinics to dispose of these children in the most horrible ways imaginable.

You are encouraged to stay up to date on the development of these and other issues by joining our email update list. Simply visit our web site at www.irtl.org and click on the Email Lifeline button at the lower right hand side of the screen.

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Remember – for gifts by mail, your envelope must be postmarked by December 31 to be considered a 2011 donation.



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