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Right To Life Banquet October 13 Melissa Ohden as Speaker



Right To Life Banquet Set For Thursday October 13 at Simon J. Graber Complex:

Daviess Co. RTL has announced that Melissa Ohden will be the Main Speakers at this year's RTL Banquet which will be held on Thursday Evening October 13 at the Simon J. Graber Complex off the Odon Cannelburg Road. The Banquet will begin at 6:30 PM with the colors presented by a combined group from the Washington and Loogootee K of C Honor Guard. The Banquet has been attended by over 600 people over the last several years and continues to be one of the largest pro-life events in Southern Indiana. In the next month or so, RTL will be mailing out information to the Table Hostess. Tickets will be \$15 each.

Please Mark This Date!

Melissa Ohden is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life and being born alive at approximately six months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence/sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.

Melissa was formerly a College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life, traveling to college campuses to share her story while advocating for resources and support for pregnant and parenting college students and advocating for the rights of the unborn. In 2011, Melissa was named Patron of Real Choices Australia, after her first tour of Australia prompted widespread awareness of Melissa's positive message and life's work. Melissa will continue to work with Real Choices Australia and organizations across Australia to ensure that women and men are provided real choices and supports that are life-affirming, while sharing the true reality of abortion with others and working to save the lives of children just like her.

The birth of Olivia, her first child, in 2008, prompted awareness that Olivia would not have come into existence if the abortion would have succeeded in ending her life. After years of searching for her biological family and offering them forgiveness for the decision that was made to end her life, Melissa's story, and her life, is so much more than one of survival. Melissa's story is one about the beauty of God's grace in our lives, about the power of love, about the hope for joy and healing in the midst of grief and loss, and about the transformational power of forgiveness and in answering God's call for your life. Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the certain death of the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless.

Face of Life Contest:



Daviess County Right To Life has announced its Second Annual Face of Life Contest where registration was from April 4 till April 30. Voting began on May 1 and will run till May 30. The child must be three years or under, but there is no resident requirements. The cost to vote is \$1 per vote and can be done on line.

The picture of the baby that wins the contest will be used by Daviess County Right to Life on many of its promotional ads and special events during the coming year. If you are interested, go to our web site for rules for the contest and obtain registration form or call our office at 812-257-0222.

You may also email us at dcrtl1976@sbcglobal.net

The Winner will receive \$100 and will be featured on promotional ads during 2011. The Contest winner will be announced on June 1.

Daviess County Right To Life has a new web site, try this link:
www.daviesscountyrtl.com

Bishops Must Present Unity on Politicians, Abortion

"You Can't Be Both Catholic & Pro-Abortion"

When Catholic politicians push for abortion without impunity, Catholic faithful are often left wondering why Church leaders don't do more to bring up their actions as out of step with Catholic teachings. One leading bishop is explaining why. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, who leads the Denver, Colorado, archdiocese, responded to a question on the topic following a presentation he made at April 8 at an event sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Right to Life Club.

"There is unity among the bishops about abortion always being wrong, and that you can't be a Catholic and be in favor of abortion—the bishops all agree to that—but there's just an inability from the bishops together to speak clearly on this matter and even to say that if you're Catholic and

you're pro-choice, you can't receive holy Communion," **Archbishop Chaput said**, according to the *St. Louis Review*.

Chaput said the general public probably has no idea how often the more steadfastly pro-life bishops challenge pro-abortion politicians in private—whether that means rejecting communion or contacting elected officials privately to let them know of the disconnect between their faith and pro-abortion policy views. However, he said Catholic politicians should be told more often that they will not receive communion or should not present themselves for the sacrament if they advocate for abortion.

The Review said Chaput told the pro-life students at Notre Dame that he and other bishops have been trying to move the national bishops conference in a more pro-life direction for a number of years, but he said other bishops

worry about how the Catholic Church might upset some churchgoers by taking a more hardline stance on abortion. But Chaput said that idea has failed, and said, “So let’s try something different and see if it works. Let’s be very, very clear on these matters,” and he asked the audience to “help me to convince the bishops on that subject.” Chaput also told the students, according to the *Review*, that there is no such thing as a morally neutral stance on abortion in public policy.

“There is no such thing as morally neutral legislation or morally neutral public policy,” he said. “Every law is the public expression of what somebody thinks we ought to do. The question that matters is this: Which moral convictions of which somebodys are going to shape our country’s political and cultural future?”

“If you and I as citizens don’t do the shaping, then somebody else will. That is the nature of a democracy. A healthy

democracy depends upon people of conviction working hard to advance their ideas in the public square respectfully and peacefully, but vigorously and without apologies,” he explained. “We act on what we really believe,” Archbishop Chaput said. “If we don’t act on our beliefs, then we don’t really believe them.”

Ultimately, for Chaput, abortion is the most important political issue for Catholics, but it doesn’t make it so elected officials can neglect the needs of the poor or others. “Abortion is the foundational human rights issue of our lifetime,” he said, adding that “you can’t build a just society and at the same time legally sanctify the destruction of generations of unborn human life. But none of these other duties can obscure the fact that no human rights are secure if the right to life is not.”

Planned Parenthood Votes Show Pro-Life Democrats Extinct

When members of the Senate voted on whether taxpayer money should continue flowing to the Planned Parenthood abortion business to the tune of tens of millions of dollars annually, pro-life advocates had no friends in the Democratic Party.

While all but five Republicans voted for the resolution prohibiting the abortion business from receiving money under the Title X family planning portion of the federal budget, **none of the three self-declared pro-life Democrats had any interest in yanking funds from the nation’s biggest abortion business that does more than 330,000 abortions on an annual basis.**

Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Joe Manchin of West Virginia all voted to allow Planned Parenthood to continue exploiting women and children via abortions done at their taxpayer-funded facilities. Their votes will likely cost them support from pro-life organizations and pro-life voters in the 2012 elections as they each face difficult re-election campaigns. Guy Benson, a writer at TownHall, a conservative web site, noted the unanimous pro-Planned Parenthood posture of the supposedly pro-life Democrats and says they are now officially extinct.

“Can we finally dispense with the myth of the pro-life Democrat?” he said. “In the Senate last night, three “pro-life” Democrats voted in lockstep with America’s Official Abortion Party to maintain federal funding to Planned Parenthood in a stand alone vote.” “There was nothing to camouflage or obfuscate the issue,” Benson continued. “In case you’ve forgotten, Planned Parenthood is the nation’s number one provider of abortions. Ninety-seven

percent of women who enter its doors are no longer pregnant when they exit, and almost 40 percent of the group’s revenues stem from abortions. It was founded in racism (remnants of which remain alive and well today), it is systemically corrupt, and its moral degradation reaches far beyond its abortion-related services.”

“Planned Parenthood receives nine figures in government funding each year, and presented with the chance to shut off the spigot, ‘pro-lifers’ Sen. Joe Manchin, Sen. Ben Nelson, and Sen. Bob Casey all declined to do so,” Benson said. “If one cannot bring him- or herself to strip government funding from the nation’s largest abortion mill, one should abandon the pretense of calling oneself ‘pro-life.’ It’s an insult to the movement, and an affront to the intelligence of pro-life voters.” He concluded: “The Democratic Party is a pro-abortion party. Last night’s vote confirms that sad truth.” In the House, just 10 Democrats voted to de-fund Planned Parenthood. Some of them included Dan Boren of Oklahoma, Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Nick Rahall of West Virginia, Heath Shuler of North Carolina, Colin Peterson of Minnesota and Dan Lipinski of Illinois.

Benson applauded Lipinski, saying, “To be fair, by my count, there is at least one black swan in all of Congress on this front: Rep. Dan Lipinski of Chicago. He speaks softly and genuinely walks the pro-life walk. Credit where it’s due.”

Combining the House and Senate Democrats, just 4 percent of Democrats voted to de-fund Planned Parenthood - whereas 95 percent of Republicans voted to remove funding from the abortion business.

U.S. House Votes to De-Fund Planned Parenthood but U.S. Senate Does Not:

The House of Representatives voted for the Continuing Resolution funding the federal government that contains a ban on abortion funding in the nation's capital. House lawmakers also supported efforts to de-fund Planned Parenthood, but senators voted no.

On a 260-167 vote, lawmakers approved a funding bill that reinstates the abortion funding ban in the District of Columbia that President Barack Obama and Democrats overturned in their budget bills last year.

Following that vote, House members voted 241-185 for a resolution that would prohibit the Planned Parenthood abortion business from qualifying for family planning funds. The vote saw almost all Republicans supporting de-funding while Democrats generally opposed it. (See vote tallies below.)

After the House voted, members of the Senate voted 58-42 against the resolution to de-fund Planned Parenthood. The vote was mostly partisan - with Republicans supporting

de-funding and Democrats voting no - though pro-abortion Republicans Scott Brown of Massachusetts, Mark Kirk of Illinois, and Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine voted no as well.

The vote also saw three self-declared pro-life Democrats, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Joe Manchin of West Virginia all vote to allow tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to continue flowing to the nation's biggest abortion business. Their votes will likely cost them support from pro-life organizations and pro-life voters in the 2012 elections as they each face difficult re-election campaigns.

Both Indiana Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Coats voted pro-life to defund Planned Parenthood along with 8th District Congressman Larry Buschon.

University of Detroit Mercy Hosted Pro-Abortion Professor

University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic college, is coming under criticism for hosting pro-abortion censured theologian Daniel Maguire, who delivered a lecture at the Jesuit University on April 7. The title of his lecture was "The Gender Justice Revolution: How Feminism Builds Bridges Between Genders, Races, Sexual Orientations, Classes and Nations," and it's not a surprising one given his position in

favor of abortion. The Cardinal Newman Society, a pro-life group that serves as a watchdog over Catholic colleges, said that, in March 2007, the U.S. bishops' doctrine committee declared that the pro-abortion teachings of Daniel Maguire, who is a professor at Jesuit Marquette University, "cross the legitimate lines of theological reflection" and represent outright "false teaching."

Area Right To Life Groups Attend Banquet in Evansville.

Shown is Pam Tebow (center) as she meets with Daviess County Right To Life President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (Right) and Daviess Co. Vice Pres. Sharon Jones (Left) before the Right To Life Banquet in Evansville this past Thursday night. Ten members of Daviess and Martin County Right To Life Groups traveled to Evansville for the Banquet.

Pam Tebow, the mother of former college football Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow, told those in attendance at the annual spring banquet that she was ready to lay down her life if necessary, despite a doctor's stern warning, to give her son a chance to live and not have an abortion. In 1985, Pam Tebow and her husband, Bob, were Christian missionaries in an



area of the Philippines where medical care was poor. She was 37, and the couple already had four healthy children. The country was in political turmoil, a toxic stew aggravated by a succession of natural disasters and difficulties in reaching family back home.

"We didn't have a decision to make that day because we had already decided that God would be our master, and we would trust him," Pam Tebow said. "If God had taken my life in childbirth, he would still be God, wouldn't he?"

In the end, Tebow said, God did not ask her to sacrifice her life for her son, nor did he take him from her. But it took a miracle. Tebow recalled that her son, now a member of the NFL's Denver Broncos and a towering mass of muscle,

"came out pretty scrawny." "So we asked everybody to Pray, 'Pray that he'll grow big and strong,'" she said with a broad smile. "And they prayed, and he did. So we're very thankful." Tim Tebow was the starting quarterback for the University of Florida and won the Heisman Trophy in 2008. Florida Gators Quarterback Tim Tebow made history on Dec. 8, 2007, by becoming the first sophomore ever to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most coveted award.

Pam Tebow was the main speaker at the Annual Right To Life Event which is one of the largest Banquets in the Country. Two years ago Sarah Palin was the main speaker and last year it was Kirk Cameron.

POPE NAMES LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, VICAR GENERAL TO SUCCEED BISHOP GERALD GETTELFINGER OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



Pope Benedict XVI has named Father Charles C. Thompson, 50, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Louisville, to succeed Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Indiana, 75, and accepted Bishop Gettelfinger's resignation from the pastoral governance of the diocese.

Charles C. Thompson was born April 11, 1961, in Louisville. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Bellarmine College, a Master of Divinity degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology, and a Licentiate in Canon Law from St. Paul University in Ottawa. He was ordained a priest for the Louisville Archdiocese in 1987.

Local Right To Life groups as well as the State Right To Life Organization was eagerly awaiting the appointment as this is a very important position and could have an impact on local Right To Life Groups.

In the past the Right to Life has been disappointed when the present Bishop Gettlefinger has been at odds with the State Right To Life Organization and it affected the local RTL groups in Southwestern Indiana. It is hoped that with the appointment of the new Bishop for the Evansville Diocese it will create a new spirit of co-operation between the Right To Life

and the Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana. Bishop Elect Charles Thompson will be installed on June 29 at Roberts Stadium in Evansville. The Evansville Diocese includes 5,010 square miles, with 496,793 people, of which 17 percent, or 85,079, of them are Catholic.

Indiana Senate & House Approve a Record 5 Pro-Life Bills in One Bill HB-1210

Indiana Right to Life is applauding the Indiana House & Senate for passing a record number of pro-life bills during this legislative session.

This pro-life legislation will place Indiana on the map as the first state to stop taxpayer funding of abortion centers like Planned Parenthood. This bill will set precedent and give courage to other states to follow in the footsteps of the great state of Indiana. Here is a summary of the bills that passed.

- ✓ Defunds Planned Parenthood and all other abortion centers from receiving IN State Income tax revenue.
- ✓ Protects pain-capable unborn children beginning at 20-weeks.
- ✓ Opts-out Indiana from abortion coverage under state health exchanges required under the new federal health law.
- ✓ Requires a mom to see her baby on ultrasound, unless she declines in writing.
- ✓ Requires doctors who do abortions to maintain local hospital admitting privileges.

While Planned Parenthood is trying to say their loss of funding will hurt the poor, consider this:

- ✓ Low income Hoosiers will still receive the same medical benefits, just not at Planned Parenthood. Bottom line is that the state has the right to select its vendors and that no funds are being cut, only denied to Planned Parenthood because of their abortion business.
- ✓ Planned Parenthood can stop its abortion business at any time and be eligible for funding!
- ✓ Planned Parenthood aborted more than 7,000 Hoosier children last year!

All women health services provided by Planned Parenthood can be obtained at other health clinics in southwest Indiana and most at no charge. If Planned Parenthood wants to keep funding from the state then stop the abortions. After all abortion is not healthcare, it is the intentional killing of unborn boys and girls.

The bill carries provisions that Indiana's abortion reporting requirements be amended to require that any abortion done on a girl under the age of 14 be reported to the department of child services within three days of the abortion in

order to streamline the reporting of child sexual abuse. The bill also requires that pregnancy termination reports list the age of the father as another provision to help authorities identify potential cases of child sexual abuse. Another provision of the bill will create a greater degree of accountability for abortion providers in reporting abortions in accordance with state law by requiring that the date the report was received by the state be included on the report.

Abortions done in Indiana are required to be reported within six months of the abortion, but current Indiana abortion reports have made that provision virtually unenforceable by failing to provide the date on which the report was received by the state. Each failure to report an abortion in Indiana is a Class B misdemeanor.

"These are positive changes that will better facilitate the reporting of child sexual abuse in Indiana while holding abortion providers accountable for timely reporting of abortions," Indiana Right to Life president Mike Fichter stated the bill will now go to Governor Mitch Daniels who is expected to sign the new abortion reporting provisions into law.

Earlier this year, Indiana's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, reported 5,580 abortions done in 2010, an increase of more than 2% in the number of surgical and drug-induced abortions it did in 2009. The figure is almost 130 more than the 5,452 reported abortions for 2009. Planned Parenthood of Indiana annually does more than 50% of the total chemical and surgical abortions done in Indiana, when comparing its own figures to those of abortions done annually statewide as shown by the state health department.

The increase in abortions also came despite Planned Parenthood of Indiana closed five centers after an undercover video showed it covering up a potential case of statutory rape. Last year alone, according to Planned Parenthood's own annual report, it received more than \$363 million in revenue from government grants and contracts. During that same timeframe, it did 324,008 abortions, a 5.8 percent increase from the previous year, which also set a record high at that time.

More Americans identify themselves as "Pro-Life" than "Pro-Choice" according to a Gallup Poll, conducted May 7-10, 2009. In this poll, 51% of Americans call themselves "pro-life" and 42% of Americans call themselves "pro-choice" on the issue of abortion. Gallup began asking this question in 1995 and this is the first time that the majority of Americans identify themselves as "pro-life."

Indiana OKs Fetal Pain Abortion Ban Bill

Indiana also passed a pro-life bill that requires abortion practitioners to tell women considering an abortion that the life of the baby they could otherwise give birth to began at conception and that scientific evidence reveals the unborn child will likely experience significant pain during the abortion at or before 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The bill bans abortions after that point compared with the current state law allowing abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, when unborn children are viable. During committee consideration, lawmakers removed

from the bill a requirement that abortion practitioners tell women about the risk of breast cancer, which has been proven to be linked to induced abortions. They also removed language that would have allowed Indiana to opt out of paying for abortions under the Obamacare health care law. Mike Fichter, the president of Indiana Right to Life, commented on that and said the “Indiana Senate must find another vehicle for opt-out or abortion coverage will be included in state health exchanges under new federal law.”

Governor Mitch Daniels to sign into law, the pro-life bill, HB 1210

Governor Mitch Daniels is expected to sign the historic legislation but a date has not been set at this time. We are asking our pro-life friends to call or send a note of “Thank You” to the Governor for agreeing to sign this legislation in spite of opposition from the Planned Parenthood lobby forces. This common sense legislation is aimed at saving lives, protecting women and

stopping taxpayer support for organizations that perform abortions.

There can never be a “truce” against doing what is right and this pro-life bill is right in that it protects life.

**Phone 317-232-4567 or email at
www.in.gov/gov/2631.htm**

Obama Faces Hard Times with Catholic Voters Over Abortion

When Barack Obama won 54 percent of the Catholic vote in the 2008 presidential election, commentators barely noticed that John McCain won a majority of the religiously-active Catholic vote (51 percent to 49 percent). This was a small margin, to be sure, but it doesn’t bode well for the 2012 presidential race, after all the worst predictions of Obama’s support for abortion became reality. Religiously-active Catholics are those who report attending Mass at least once a week. Weekly attendance at religious services is the accepted definition of a religiously-active voter in any faith tradition. Studies of exit polls going back to the ’60s tell the story of how these Catholic voters lost their loyalty to the Democratic Party, becoming either reliable Republicans or swing voters with a preference for

socially conservative candidates, e.g. the “Reagan Democrats.”

The Obama Catholic surrogate machine was in full swing throughout the last campaign and well into his administration. Even when concerns were voiced by Catholics regarding Obama’s appearance at Notre Dame.

In just over two short years, President Obama has done more to promote abortion through policy in the health care reform bill, executive orders, and spending priorities such as Planned Parenthood than all his predecessors combined. And, his recent decision not to defend the Constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act potentially opens the door for the expansion of same-sex marriage across the country.

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Daviess County Right To Life Meetings are 7 PM the last Thursday of each month at the Right to Life Office at 705 Troy Road. (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level) **Phone: 257-0222**

Daviess County Right To Life Paper Drive is the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December from 9 AM till 2 PM at the Old K-Mart Parking Lot. Other pick up points around the County are from 9-12 Noon. If you can help call Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658. It would be greatly appreciated.

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When the new administration took office, they said their first priority was to pass a law that will remove all restrictions on abortion. By doing this on the federal level, they would remove all restrictions on abortion and the Federal government would now be in control of the abortion issue. All Hospitals would be required to close or lose funding if they did not perform abortions. Tax payers would once again be required to fund abortions. Some Churches are now joining us in this effort, and we wish they had informed their members of this before the last election as this effort has become necessary only because of the election of Barak Obama. The Pro-Life Movement had warned voters and churches before the election this could happen, and now some churches suddenly realize their silence or lack of action on this matter has led to this emergency. **What can we do to prevent this from happening?** Contact your Federal elected officials (Senators and Congressmen) and ask them to vote against all Abortion related bills. This will mean no choice for the children that will be killed by abortion. For Addresses of our Elected Officials, see above on this page of this Newsletter.

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