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Thoughts From John Gordon
Chairman

My "chairman's thoughts" article has been on my mind since September, awaiting inspiration regarding its content. In the meantime, my family experienced a major event that has taken my emotional energy and kept me pondering what to write.

I hesitate to write about what took place, as I do not wish to seem self-absorbed or self-serving. Yet the Lord has not given me another topic more fitting, so at my wife's urging, I shall proceed, with the hope that you will be inspired by Kortney's example.



She was not what I expected for a daughter-in-law. This tall, vibrant, outgoing redhead had tattoos and was a "rocker chick." Yet she loved her Lord and lived for a cause.

Kortney Blythe was born in California but grew up in Charlotte, NC, where her father was a youth pastor. Her uncle, Don Blythe, a sidewalk counselor and pro-life advocate in California, was her inspiration to pursue a degree in journalism with the aspiration of working full-time for the pro-life cause.

Kortney said she worked for God. Her first job after college was at a shelter for women in crisis pregnancies. Later, she worked for the group, Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, in California. For several years, she traveled the state, training college groups and leading pro-life advocacy events on campuses. She returned East after being recruited to work for Rock for Life, a group that encourages musicians and artists to reach teens and young adults with the pro-life message.

My son, Ben, met Kortney in January 2010 at a Rock for Life event prior to the Washington, D.C., March for Life. By May 2010, when Kortney went to work for Students

for Life of America, they were already discussing the possibility of marriage.

In fact, they married in May, 2011. Both had kept themselves chaste for marriage. Having committed to trusting the Creator of Life for their reproduction, Kortney became pregnant during their honeymoon. We were delighted with the prospect of our first grandchild, albeit sooner than we had anticipated.

You are likely aware from reading Connie Bancroft's article in the November newsletter of the Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National that Kortney and her pre-born daughter died in a tragic automobile accident on October 8.

On October 4, Kortney, Ben, and my wife Natalie had the blessed privilege of seeing the pre-born baby via a 3-D ultrasound, during which Sophy's gender was revealed. The experience was being recorded as part of a pro-life documentary that is being made.

Kortney was also to participate in a live webcast that was held on Thursday, October 13, the day the U.S. House of Representatives was to vote on a bill to ban federal funding for abortion. Entitled *Voices from the Womb*, it included women at various stages of pregnancy who were given live 3-D ultrasounds. The webcast was aired on Capitol Hill and in many state capitols throughout the nation. While Kortney was no longer alive to participate, a recording of her ultrasound was used, and the webcast had been renamed *Voices from the Womb: Sophy's Voice*, in her honor. (In case you missed it, the motion passed the House.)

We do not begin to understand the Lord's reasons for taking Kortney and Sophy to Himself, yet we stand on the promise of Romans 8:28. Since her death, we have learned of many instances of Kortney's fearlessness in her stand for Life. We learned that she had been arrested nine times while peacefully advocating for Life, and that the charges were overturned in every instance. We learned that freedom of speech laws were enacted

as a result of at least one of her arrests (Blythe vs. the City of Berkeley, CA). We have a photo of a child whose mother chose life after Kortney counseled her against abortion outside of a clinic. Kortney's license plate read, "ABOLSH." One of her many pro-life bumper stickers bore the haunting thought, "Would it bother us more if they used guns?" (Abort 73)

Kortney literally stood on her life verse. She had tattoos on her feet that stated, "To live is Christ" and "To Die is Gain." She said, "Jesus Christ is my Lord; abolishing abortion is my calling." Kortney died traveling home from speaking at a pro-life conference in Georgia. While she did not live to see it accomplished, she motivated many young adults to take up her life's goal: to have abortion outlawed in their lifetime.

And so, Kortney and Sophy have become another inspiration for me to be steadfast as a "Voice for Life." I ask you to consider joining me at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on January 23, 2012. I'll be there for Kortney, Sophy, and for all the pre-born. What will it take to get you there?

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(Editor's Note: Read about *The Gift of Life*, another documentary in which Kortney is featured, at www.lifenews.com, "Gift of Life: Promoting Pro-Life in the Mainstream Media." The documentary features real-life stories about people affected by and on the front lines of the abortion issue.)

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All Girls Allowed!

Are you aware that approximately **35,000 babies are aborted in China each day?**

Ever since the One-Child Policy was implemented in 1980, China's baby girls have been abandoned and aborted. Today, 37 million girls are missing. The cultural preference of most Chinese parents for boys, combined with the nation's One-Child Policy, has been referred to as **gendercide**. Reportedly, Chinese women who have conceived a second child have experienced forced abortions and sterilization. An estimated 500 women in China commit suicide every day.

As a way to respond to this appalling situation, an organization has been formed in the United States "to restore life, value, and dignity to girls and mothers, and to reveal the injustice of China's One Child Policy." The organization is named, appropriately, **All Girls Allowed**.

The organization was founded by Chai Ling, a leader in the 1989 Tiananmen Square movement, who fled to the

United States in 1990. She has been nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The primary goals of All Girls Allowed are to end gendercide, educate abandoned girls, rescue trafficked children, and provide legal defense for forced abortion victims as well as for women in danger of being subjected to forced abortion or sterilization.

All Girls Allowed applies one hundred per cent of donated funds for programs in China, and not for administrative costs. All Girls Allowed receives financial backing from the Jenzabar Foundation, "a leading higher education software and services provider." Chai Ling serves as President and CEO of Jenzabar.

Chai Ling's memoir has been released recently. It is entitled *A Heart for Freedom: The Remarkable Journey of a Young Dissident, Her Daring Escape, and Her Quest to Free China's Daughters*. For further information, visit their website, www.allgirlsallowed.com.

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Generation Life

This is a pro-life organization about which you will want to be aware. **Generation Life is a movement of young people committed to building a culture of life** by spreading the messages of life and love to other young people through education and action. Generation Life believes that spreading the message of chastity will contribute to ending abortion at its root cause.

Generation Life began in the Summer of 2000 with a weekend Youth Leadership Conference. Classroom outreach was initiated in the Fall of 2001. The organization reaches over 25,000 students annually, offering educational programs for 7th to 12th grade students and college students in the Philadelphia, PA, area and beyond. "Gen Life" teachers have also taken their message to Kentucky, New York, Canada, Mexico, and Europe.

Education is the main component of Generation Life's work. Utilizing multimedia, their representatives speak to varied audiences about the dignity of human life and human sexuality, always featuring young people speaking to other young people. Their programs include school presentations, church talks, college leadership meetings, and special events such as Eighth Grade Chastity Days, weekly and monthly prayer vigils at local abortion facilities, and the South Jersey Beach Outreach.

For more information about Generation Life, visit their website at www.generationlife.org.

For Educators: Pace and You
 By Jeff Remington, Former Board Member

Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania
Financial Report

September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011

If you are an educator, you will be especially interested in this information. The **Political Action Committee for Education (PACE)** is the Pennsylvania State Education Association's (PSEA) political action fund. Money contributed to this fund goes toward lobbying and other political activities of the PSEA and National Education Association (NEA). Local associations ask members to contribute to PACE early in the school year. In contributing, you will be supporting the pro-choice position. If you feel as though you do not want to contribute to PACE because of the NEA-PSEA's position favoring abortion, **you may simply decline to make a PACE contribution, and also consider submitting a letter of explanation such as the following:**

Dear PSEA/NEA:

I respectfully decline to contribute to PACE due to the NEA/PSEA's pro-choice position, as evidenced by the NEA policy and past practices stated below:

New Business Item 1990-65:

"NEA will oppose any legislation which will erode the status of Roe v. Wade and/or which impedes access of choice. . ."

Resolution I-12:

"NEA supports. . .reproductive freedom."

Hospitality Center for Reproductive Freedom:

- *The NEA headquarters in Washington, D.C., has been a hospitality center for those participating in reproductive freedom protests in the past.*
- *Some NEA state associations have sponsored transportation to such events.*
- *NEA has a history of backing political candidates who are strong opponents of pro-life issues.*

Respectfully,
 (Your Signature)

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Let's Get Technical

The Ad Hoc Committee approved sending out the **Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania newsletters by e-mail**. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please contact John Gordon at jfgordon2@verizon.net. Thank you!

Balance September 1, 2010		\$1858.68
Revenues:		
Membership dues	461.00	
Donation	30.00	
Total Revenues		<u>491.00</u>
		2349.68
Expenses:		
Rent	51.00	
Postage	101.20	
Printing	55.00	
PA ProLife Donation	500.00	
Total Expenses:		<u>707.20</u>
Balance August 31, 2011		\$1642.48

Budget

September 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012

Beginning Balance		\$1642.00
Revenues:		
Contributions	\$ 100.00	
Dues	\$ 500.00	
Total Revenues		\$2242.00
Expenses:		
Rent	100.00	
Travel	200.00	
Postage	72.00	
Printing	150.00	
Accounting	150.00	
Supplies	100.00	
Reserve	1470.00	
Total Expenses		\$2242.00

Mark your calendars! The **March for Life Events** will be held in Washington, D.C., on **January 21-23, 2012**, with the **March for Life** taking place on January 23. This is an opportunity to join others in publicly supporting the pro-life cause. You may also choose to meet with your Congressional delegation to discuss your support for pro-life legislation - and **be a Voice for Life!** More details at www.marchforlife.org. **A delegation of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania members will attend the march.** Contact John Gordon for more information.

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Just a Blob of Tissue?
Excerpts from A Woman's Concern
Fall Newsletter 2011

In an attempt to justify abortion, you have likely heard people refer to the developing fetus as "just a blob of tissue." Simple tissue does not have a beating heart, brain waves, fingerprints, or unique DNA. For these reasons, medical science shows that human life begins at fertilization. The development of a human begins with fertilization, a process by which the spermatozoon from the male and the oocyte from the female unite to give rise to a new organism, the zygote. After fertilization, nothing new is added to the baby except oxygen, nutrition, and time.

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Countries with laws restricting abortion have the lowest maternal mortality rates. Ireland legally restricts abortion and has a maternal mortality rate of 1 death per 100,000 live births, the lowest in Europe. The United States, with abortion on demand, has 11 deaths per 100,000 live births.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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