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Fighting for LIFE in Education

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Just a few thoughts ... from Scott Moyer

A new bishop was installed in our diocese during my senior year at a Catholic high school. He was the main celebrant and speaker at our baccalaureate Mass. He spoke mainly on the evils of abortion and about his pro-life ministry. I remember being slightly turned off by the topic, as it did not seem relevant to a graduation ceremony. I would have liked something more positive and inspirational at the time. I knew about abortion because we had pro-life speakers come about once a year to our high school with horrible pictures and factual stories about abortion. I formed an early opinion that abortion was wrong, but it was not an important issue in my life. To be honest it made me feel uncomfortable and my opinion on the subject did not become stronger until years later. I just didn't think too much about it.

Although I still need much more courage and faith to grow in this area, I would like to think I have come a long way since my high school graduation. More recently, I have come to see just how progressive, and even diabolical the anti-life movement actually is. I read an article about the death of former Supreme Court Justice Blackmun and his direct involvement in writing Roe v. Wade. Our local newspaper made it sound like Justice Blackmun anguished over his decision, yet never changed his position as evidence mounted against the validity and sanity of the decision. The newspaper article made him out to be a hero and pioneer, all in the name of "Pro-choice." This attitude both frustrated and enraged me. Around the same time, in the same newspaper, I read that Mrs. Clinton was in Africa encouraging new family planning options (i.e. abortion) for the women in Africa. I was so saddened, but unfortunately not surprised by her actions. I guess "it takes a village ... to kill a child, also, Mrs. Clinton?!" Also, there have been commercials on television put out by a "pro-choice" organization about the importance of being able to choose. The commercials feature a young woman diving into a pool, while a monologue concerning positive aspects of life "choices" is going on in the background. It is a very well made commercial, but even more diabolical than ever. The commercial is very positive and never explicitly refers to abortion, but inconspicuously implies it. Unfortunately, it is a very clever commercial. We all like the idea of "choice" when it comes to the car we choose to drive, the neighborhood or house we choose to live in, or the kind of person we choose

to be. This mind set cannot be applied to life, not after life has been created. If there is a choice, it must come before the act of pro-creation. Once life has begun, we are not the ones to decide when it should end.

(Scott Moyer currently serves as TSC of PA, Inc's Assistant Executive Director. He is a learning support teacher for Colonial I.U. #20 in the Nazareth Area School District.)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2000**

On Saturday, April 8, 2000, the Board of Trustees of TSC of PA, Inc. held their semi-annual Board Meeting in State College, PA. At the meeting various issues were discussed including the resignation due to personal reasons of John Barrow, one of the Board of Trustee members. The Board decided to send out a letter to all active members of TSC of PA, Inc. informing them of the open position and asking for interested members to apply and become a member of the Board of Trustees. (These letters were mailed out in April, 2000, and we are still in the process of gathering information about the applicants.) Also discussed at the meeting was the issue of the election of officers for the 2000-2001 membership year. The elections will be held at our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2000.

Regarding our financial news, the Treasurer presented the financial reviews performed by White & Kersey, Certified Public Accountants, for Board approval. This yearly review is recommended for all non-profit organizations. Finally, TSC of PA, Inc. will again place an advertisement in the PA Pro-life Federation Handbook which will be distributed at the Pro-Life Convention to be held in September. We will also set up a display table at the convention.

“FIVE GREAT LESSONS: *The Important Things Life Teaches You...*”

Number One:

The Most Important Question came during my second month of nursing school when our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: “What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?” Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired, and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. “Absolutely,” said the professor. “In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say ‘hello.’” I’ve never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Number Two: Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 PM, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her – generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance, and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry! She wrote down his address, thank him, and drove away. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man’s door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: “Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain had drenched not only my clothes, but my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband’s bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others. Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.”

Number Three: Always Remember Those Who Serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. “How much is an ice cream sundae?” “Fifty cents,” replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. “How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. “Thirty-five cent,” she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier, and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies – her tip.

Number Four: The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king’s wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one’s condition.

Number Five: Giving Blood

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at Stanford Hospital, I got to know a little girl name Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease, and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, “Yes, I’ll do it if it will save Liz.” As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, “Will I start to die right away?” Being young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood. Attitude, after all, is everything.

Work like you don’t need the money.
Love like you’ve never been hurt.
Dance like nobody’s watching.

(This article is taken from the Internet (Epix.net). Author and date are unknown.)

“THE PARADOX OF OUR TIME”

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too seldom, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

(This article is taken from the Internet (Epix.net). George Carlin is given credit for writing it, but the date is unknown. While TSC of PA, Inc. does not agree with all of Mr. Carlin's writings, we felt this one was apropos to our newsletter.)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1999-2000 Membership (as of May 31, 2000)

	Renewals	New	Total
Grand Totals	44	3	47

1998-1999 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance – September 1, 1998		\$1,077.28
Receipts:		
Contributions	\$ 145.00	
Membership '98-'99	650.00	
'99-'00	555.00	
Interest	20.92	
Total	\$ 1370.92	\$2,448.20
Disbursements:		
Administrative	\$ 68.18	
National Dues		
'98-'99	130.00	
'99-'00	111.00	
Postage	247.48	
Public Relations		
Printing	84.50	
Promotion	9.88	
Telephone	14.66	
Total	\$ 665.70	
Balance – August 31, 1999		\$1,782.50

1999-2000 BUDGET

September 1, 1999 – August 31, 2000

Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Audit Fees (\$100)	
National Dues (In/Out)	200.00
Office Administration	200.00
Copier/Fax	
Letters & Envelopes	
Supplies	
Bank Service Fees	
Postage	400.00
Regular Postage	
PO Box Annual Fee	
Public Relations	450.00
Advertising	
Printing of Newsletters (2)	
PA Pro-Life Conference	
Telephone	50.00
Phone Reimbursements	
Travel Expenses	-0-
Board Approved Trips	
-Lodging Reimbursement	
-Mileage Reimbursement	
Grand Total	\$ 1,400.00

TSC of PA, Inc. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Michael Grella, Executive Director (Dauphin County) – Michael has served in a variety of teaching positions over the past 35 years. Since 1980 he has served as the Chair of the Teacher Education Department at Lebanon Valley College. He is a permanent deacon of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. Michael also financially and prayerfully supports several pro-life organizations.

Scott Moyer, Assistant Executive Director (Northampton County) – Since 1989, Scott has been a special education teacher with Colonial Intermediate Unit #20. He is an NEA member and has held a union office within his local association. He has done volunteer work for PA Pro-Life Federation and Pennsylvanian for Human Life, as well as participated in the annual March for Life. He is also active within his local church.

Barbara Purcell, Secretary (Cumberland County) – Now retired, Barbara taught in a variety of positions and schools for 32 years. While teaching, she was active in PSEA and serve in various positions both at the local and state levels, and attended the NEA conventions. For the past 25 years, Barbara has been a member of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, the PA Pro-Life Federation, Human Life International, and several other pro-life organizations.

Linda Burroughs, Treasurer (Warren County) - Since 1985, Linda has been a special education teacher with the Warren County School District, and is a member of the NEA. Linda was a founding member of her local Crisis Pregnancy Center, served as the director for three years, and has also served as the president of the Board of Directors. She is a member of the PA Pro-Life Federation and has participated in the annual March for Life and Life Chain.

John Barrow (Jefferson County) – John has been teaching since 1985 in the Brockway Area School District. He is a member of the NEA and PSEA and is certified as a principal in PA. He is also a member of his church's pro-life committee, PA's Pro-Life Federation, and the Blue Army. With his wife, he previously taught Natural Family with the Couple-to-Couple League.

John Dunkle (Berks County) – Having recently moved from Long Island, John now teaches English at Penn State-Berks Lehigh Valley College. He is the father of five and the grandfather of seven. Formerly, he was active with Father Norman Weslin's Lambs of Christ and with the Rescue Movement.

Lee Keefer (Lancaster County) – Since 1986, Lee has been a school nurse with the Penn Manor School District. She was involved with a writing and picketing campaign through her local unit concerning NEA's stand on abortion. At her local church Lee, along with her husband, team teaches an adult Sunday School class and participates in a prayer ministry.

Cornelia Moyer (Northampton County) – Cornelia has been teaching fifth grade in the Diocese of Allentown since 1989. She also serves as the Language Arts Coordinator. She supports Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Human Life International, the PA Pro-Life Federation, and has participated in the annual March for Life. She is also very active in her local church.

PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

If you have not yet joined TSC of PA, Inc. or forgotten to renew your membership, please consider filling out the form below and joining us.

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN of PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

2000-2001 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please print or type)

Name _____ Phone () _____ - _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____
School _____ County of School _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

Job title _____

Member (Circle one): NEA AFT Independent Union office held, if any: _____

Check one: _____ Educator _____ College Student _____ Retired Educator _____ Other

I have enclosed my annual dues (make checks payable to Teachers Saving Children Inc.- National.):

_____ \$25.00 _____ \$10.00 (College Student/Retired Educator)

This is for a: _____ Renewal Membership _____ New Membership

I have enclosed an additional contribution in the amount of _____ to be earmarked as follows:

_____ National _____ State Affiliate _____ Other (_____)

I want to be actively involved in a Teachers Saving Children® State Affiliate Chapter: _____ Yes _____ No

Signature _____ Date _____

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