

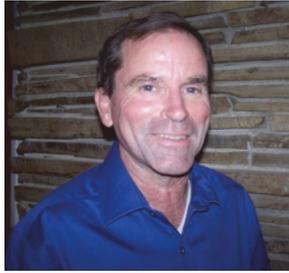


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Thoughts From The Executive Director

-Frank Ebner

“Accept whatever happens to you, and be patient when you suffer humiliation, because gold is tested with

fire, and acceptable people are tested in the furnace of humiliation. Trust him, and He will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him.”

- Sirach 2:4-6

The other day I was reading a book I had recommended this past year. The book, *Persuasive Pro-Life*, by Trent Horn had been signed while I was attending the Students For Life of America (SFLA) West Coast Conference in January 2016. I opened up to the inside front cover, remembering that under Trent Horn’s note was the reference to the quote from Sirach 2: 4-6.

There is so much in wisdom in the quote that I am not quite sure where to begin. Let me begin in the first 5 words: “Accept whatever happens to you.” This seems counter-intuitive in many cases, and certainly counter-cultural in the Western world (unless, of course, what happens to you is fame and fortune). In the classroom, I often will pray what is known as the Serenity Prayer, “God, grant me the Serenity to **accept** the things I cannot **change**, **Courage** to **change** the things I can, and **Wisdom** to know the difference.” This is true acceptance. I found myself praying this prayer during the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice nominee (now confirmed) Brett Kavanaugh.

“...Be patient when you suffer humiliation, because gold is tested with fire, and acceptable people are

tested in the furnace of humiliation...” Humiliation can be a burden to bear, and yet few worthwhile things in life are achieved without burden, without some sort of suffering. My Anatomy/Physiology students understand that bones and muscles can only become stronger with exercise, often accompanied with pain and fatigue. *“Gold is tested with fire...”* and each of you, in your pro-life advocacy, is good as gold, strengthened by the various “fires” along the way.

True acceptance. What is the outcome? The outcome is, *“Trust him, and He will help you”*. Sometimes, perhaps often for some of us, we don’t always see the fruits of our labors. This is simply because we often have the perspective of only this world, the time we have on Earth. Yet, we are called to greater things, and love shown to the vulnerable in our society is arguably the greatest calling of all.

Thank you for all you do in your classrooms, your community, and your families. **Teachers Saving Children®** will be reaching out at various pro-life events throughout the nation again this year. Consider attending one of the upcoming events, either in person or in prayer. I will be at the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 26th, and I would love to see you. Until then, trust and hope in Him and He will help you. What could be better than that?



To the Editor:

The way people vote, of course, depends on their priorities. The right to life is our fundamental concern when we cast our ballot. If a candidate supports abortion, that person does NOT get our vote. Why? If a candidate approves of taking an innocent human child's life in the womb, the candidate lacks common sense, rationalizes a brutal practice, and cannot be trusted to make good decisions in anything else.

We suggest that, first, before pro-life and pro-choice readers of *The Daily Standard* cast their ballots, they see the movie *Gosnell, The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer*. The movie-documentary about the court trial of Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell has had an impact on many hearts and minds. Second, we suggest that *The Daily Standard* readers look into the positions of the political party candidates they support with their money and their vote.

The national Republican party "is proud to stand up for the rights of the unborn and believe all Americans have an unalienable right to life as stated in The Declaration of Independence. Republican leadership has led the effort to prohibit partial-birth abortion. . .Thanks to Republican legislative initiatives, there has been a tremendous increase in adoptions." [www.gop.com]

The national Democratic party's position is that the mother has the "right to choose" whether to have her baby's life stopped anytime up to the moment of birth. The national Democratic party also feels that taxpayer dollars should be made available to cover the cost of women's abortions, and the same party has failed to speak out against the selling of aborted baby parts.

We know how we, the undersigned officers and past presidents of Mercer County Right to Life, will vote, especially when it comes to state and national candidates. We also have a good idea how our 2,272 newsletter subscribers and our approximate 200 online subscribers will vote. The "R" after a candidate's name tells us a lot.

Dee Grieshop, current president, Mercer County Right to Life

Editor's Note: the above letter was published in the *The Daily Standard*, Celina, OH on October 30, 2018. In addition to the current president and officers, the letter was signed by twenty-one past presidents of Mercer County (OH) Right to Life. While the mid-term elections will have occurred prior to your receipt of this newsletter, we share this letter with our general membership in hope that they may be inspired to follow its example in proclaiming "A Voice for Life" in their communities. Many of our members may recall instances in which Mercer County Right to Life has provided financial support to our organization.

PRO-LIFE BOOK SUGGESTION

Fatherhood Aborted: The Profound Effects of Abortion on Men by Guy Condon and David Hazard Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. (2001) ISBN 0-8423-5423-9 (sc)

Fatherhood Aborted deals with a topic that is rarely dealt with in "polite society" and virtually never in the public media: the detrimental, and often life-long impact that abortion has on men. In an age when almost nothing is a taboo topic on the talk shows, discussion of the negative consequences incurred by men who, whether willingly or not, experienced the abortion of their pre-born child is virtually never allowed.

This book provides needed psychological and spiritual insights that all who espouse to be pro-life would be wise to become knowledgeable of in order to bring hope and healing to those men effected. It grows out of research and years of counseling individuals regarding abortion decisions and consequences.

The authors list (p. 4) and then detail the following "Aftershocks of Male Postabortion Trauma":

You have difficulty with commitment; You dodge authority; You have no solid sense of identity; You work to impress moral leaders; You keep women at bay; You have trouble bonding; You fear impending tragedy; You don't own your mistakes; You feel inadequate as a leader.

As educators, particularly if of teens or young adults, we should be equipped to recognize those effects and also to provide words of warning and counsel to all who are contemplating abortion. Women whose partners are thus affected will, in turn, have altered relationships with those males. (continued on p. 3)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

September 29, 2018: The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met via Facebook Messenger. This meeting was held in lieu of our annual summer meeting, that had been postponed due to various circumstances among Board members. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed and acted upon:

-Elections were held, and all officers were re-elected to their current positions.

-The Board of Trustees approved the 2017-2018 Fiscal Report (see next column).

October 20, 2018: The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Coldwater, OH for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved the 2017-2018 fiscal report and the following 2018-2019 budget:

Awards & Gifts	0.00
Grants & Scholarships	0.00
Legal & Accounting	500.00
Office Administration	1000.00
Postage	1500.00
Public Relations	
Printing	1500.00
Promotion	0.00
Telephone	300.00
Travel Expenses	500.00
Total	\$ 5300.00

2. Various outreach events were approved for the upcoming year. Notably, we will not have an exhibit at the SFLA National Conference due to increased cost. Also, the NEA RA Expo was cancelled. We may work toward having a display at the NEA non-profit expo during the RA.
3. The next Board of Trustees meeting is planned for Saturday, April 6, 2019 and tentatively to be held in Canton, OH. Members interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office.

PRO-LIFE BOOK SUGGESTION, cont. from p. 2

“Abortion can have a negative effect on every part of a man’s life—his emotions, his soul, his relationships, his work and career, and most definitely his relationship with God...There is help and healing to be found, but it begins with breaking the silence (p. xxvi).” The book is written from an unabashedly Christian perspective. The ultimate source of healing offered is forgiveness through faith in Christ’s redemptive work.

The primary author, Guy Condran, served as president of Americans United for Life. He later served as president of CareNet and, under his leadership, saw it grow to include over 600 affiliated pregnancy resource centers. Tragically, Mr. Condran died prior to the book’s publication. The book was distributed as a free download by CareNet for Fathers’ Day 2015, but may now be accessed through Amazon and other retailers.

Please email Teachers Saving Children at info@teacherssavingchildren.org with your recommendations for great pro-life books so that we may share these great resources with other educators across the nation.

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® INC. National 2017-2018 FISCAL REPORT

Balance (Cash & Assets) 9/1/2017 5,771.32

Receipts:

Contributions:

Educational Outreach	4,071.74
In-Kind	--
T-Shirts	96.00
Undesignated	2,823.28

Memberships:

2017-2018	995.00
2018-2019	2,130.00

Interest

	1.31
	<u>10,117.33</u>

15,888.65

Disbursements:

Awards & Gifts	0.00
Grants and Scholarships	0.00
Legal & Accounting	300.00
Office Administration	907.96
Postage	1,827.01
Public Relations	2424.46
Advertising	0.00
Printing	1,332.30
Promotion	0.00
Display Materials	0.00
Ed Outreach*	7,736.44
T-Shirts	0.00
Telephone (Reg nat)	291.31
Travel Expenses	161.00
	<u>12,556.02</u>

Balance (Cash & Assets) 8/31/2018

\$3,332.63

*The Educational Outreach Balance 8/31/2018: -\$1,696.23
General Balance 8/31/18: \$5,028.86

Please note: Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National is very thankful for your membership and, also, for the additional contributions many of you have sent during the course of the year. Special thanks is given to those who helped the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by paying their memberships prior to September 1, 2018.



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NEWS OF INTEREST to Pro-Life Educators

-The film, *GOSNELL: THE TRIAL OF AMERICA'S BIGGEST SERIAL KILLER* debuted in select theaters around the nation on October 12, 2018. It met with unanticipated success during its first weekend, reaching the top ten of newly released films. Controversy has surrounded theaters where patrons have been told that the film was not being shown when it was, in fact, playing. The film was also blocked from being shown in Philadelphia, PA, the location of its subject matter.

-The story of former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson's conversion to become a spokesperson for the pro-life movement and the founder of a ministry (And then There Were None) to persons wishing to leave the abortion industry is being made into a movie entitled *Unplanned*. Its release is expected in Spring 2019.

SPITFIRES: WE NEED YOU!

According to our Constitution and By-Laws, Teachers Saving Children®, Inc. should have between seven and fifteen At-Large members on its Board of Trustees. We currently have only six. We are praying for at least one more "Voice for Life" to join us in leading this organization. We especially would like to find members

from states other than those currently represented on the Board (CA, IL, OH, PA), and who are actively teaching.

As one current board member expressed it, we need "spitfires" who have a passion to see life-affirming views represented among the ranks of our nation's educators. You must have been a member for one or more years. We hold three regular meetings a year, all of which could be attended via electronic means. Would you *please* prayerfully consider if **you** are being called to serve? Thanks!

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