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making abortion impossible to ignore or trivialize



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Dear Friend of the Anti-Choice Project,

On March 25, 2015, Lauren Handy, the Anti-Choice Project Chapter Director for Washington, D.C., joined Operation Rescue President Troy Newman, Rev. Patrick Mahoney, prominent pro-life blogger Jill Stanek, and four other pro-life activists to hold a prayer vigil and sit in at the entrance to Congressional House Speaker John Boehner's office. Lauren and her seven pro-life allies were subsequently arrested by capitol police and charged with "crowding, obstructing, or incommoding." The story was quickly picked up by more than a dozen major news outlets like World Magazine, the Washington Times, and EWTN.

As LifeSiteNews reported, Lauren was protesting the betrayal, "by the House GOP over its unwillingness to pass H.R. 36, the 'Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.' The bill, which was promised passage during the 2015 March for Life, was held up by concerns by several Republican members who said the rape exception was too narrow."

ACP stands fully behind Lauren and her attempts to draw attention to the innocent lives being killed by legalized abortion as well as the cowardice and empty promises made by some of our pro-life representatives. This is exactly the kind of political pressure that must be brought to bear on our representatives if we are ever to see a change in law. As abolitionist Frederick Douglass once said, "Agitate! Agitate! Agitate! Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground."



Lauren Handy (left), ACP Washington, DC chapter director prays outside Speaker Boehner's office before being arrested on March 25, 2015.

Lauren is doing incredible work in D.C. and we are blessed to have her part of the Anti-Choice Project. On April 18, she also shared the news with us that two babies had been saved as a result of her ACP displays outside an abortion clinic!



Cheri Mallahan



Ellie Peck

LAUNCH OF NEW ACP BLOG TEAM

In March, ACP embarked on a brand new mission of reaching out to vastly more people with our pro-life message. We created the ACP Blog Team by bringing four talented writers on board with us who will make regular contributions to our website. The goal of the Blog Team is to add current insight and persuasive pro-life articles to our website, which, when shared across the internet will not only serve to persuade fence-sitters and pro-choicers to our side, but also drive traffic to our website where people can learn more about who we are, what we are doing, and, hopefully, get more involved.



Val Ramseyer



Jeff Boutte

Writers for our ACP Blog Team

Introducing you to our Blog Team: Ellie Peck lives Bremerton, Washington, with her husband Steve and six children. In addition to writing for the Anti-Choice Project, Ellie is a contributor and editor for *Soul Gardening*, an inspirational Catholic journal. Readers may recall that Jeff Boutte joined ACP as a Chapter Director in March of 2014. If you follow us on Facebook you have seen photos of Jeff conducting abortion victim displays in Houston, Texas, where he resides. He will now also be

making a major contribution to the organization as a blogger. Val Ramseyer lives in Lake Stevens, Washington, and is busy raising her three young children with her husband Jon. We got to know Val when she was studying at Western Washington University where she was active in pro-life campus ministry. Cheri Mallahan joins the blog team from

Spokane, Washington, where she and husband Zach have been out with our signs on the streets of Spokane, the chapter there headed up by our good friend John Weingarten.

Even in its infancy, the ACP blog is already having the desired effect. For instance, in her first post titled, "How Christians Might be Sabotaging the Pro-Life Movement," Ellie wrote a passionate and reasoned piece that stirred quite a bit of controversy and kicked off a critical discussion. The article was shared many times across the internet (including on the enormously popular website Reddit) generated over 70 comments on the ACP blog post alone, and has already received almost 2,000 views.

REACHING MORE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media giant Facebook reports that 128 million Americans log on to its website daily, and for an average of 40 minutes per day. That's fully one-third of the U.S. population, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than the average time spent with pets (39 minutes) or answering personal e-mail (33 minutes). What this means for the pro-life movement is that we must continually adapt and always extend our reach in society where we can best capture the attention of an indifferent and apathetic culture. At one time in history, this place was the town square. At another time it was the printed newspaper or magazine. At another time, television. Today the world is largely present and most reachable through social media. This is not to say that standing in the public square has lost its role. But shame on us if we fail to take advantage of one of the greatest means by which we can share the truth that abortion is an act of violence and kills children.



Volunteer, Mary St.Hilaire, exposes the horror of the American Holocaust with our ACP Lincoln, Nebraska chapter in March 2015.



ACP Torrance chapter director, José Peña, stands outside a Downey, CA abortion clinic with volunteers on April 8, 2015.

For this reason we share all of our abortion display photos on Facebook, where the ACP page now has more than 5,000 followers. These photos are then shared by our followers many times over, each of whom has a personal friends list — often numbering in the hundreds — that also see our pictures. We may hold a sign up for an hour on a sidewalk, and our exposure to passersby could number as much as 5,000. A picture of the abortion display taken that day and shared on Facebook could easily be seen by 10,000 or more. It is this level of continuous exposure — online and offline — which will finally end abortion.

NEW ACP CHAPTER IN TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

One additional, yet highly important, aspect to our outreach through social media has been our ability to recruit directors for new ACP chapters throughout the country. José Peña is one of these recruits and has joined

ACP as Chapter Director in Torrance, California where he has already hosted two displays in public this April. It is only through your continued financial support, prayers, and, above all, God's grace, that we are able to carry out this work.

Sincerely Yours,



Tom Herring
Co-Director, Anti-Choice Project



Andrew St. Hilaire
Co-Director, Anti-Choice Project

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- 2. Volunteer.** Hold a sign with your local ACP chapter!
- 3. Spread the word!** Refer friends and family to our website, Facebook page, and share this newsletter with them.
- 4. Donate.** Your regular, tax-deductible, gift of \$100, \$50, \$25, or \$10 helps us to expand our life-saving projects into more and more cities. Set up a recurring gift today by visiting our website at www.antichoiceproject.com and clicking "Donate".