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Three Rendezvous with Destiny

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Sarah Weddington, the fanatically pro-abortion attorney who represented “Jane Roe” in the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case (which as the world well knows, legalized abortion as a constitutional right in all fifty states), has just died. Like so many of her fellow-travelers, she never seemed to have made peace with her own abortion. In the early 1990s I was asked to debate her in front of a packed auditorium at a large hospital in Southern California. With all due respect, she seemed poorly prepared and slow on her feet. I had expected to confront a towering intellect who might have had far greater self-assurance, but she had neither. She seemed formulaic in her presentation and stuck to a largely biographical script. This encounter provided one of my earliest realizations that the big names in the pro-abortion movement were other than formidable as advocates. They uniformly struggled to obscure the fact that they had no case — and they knew it. In the audience were ten or twelve women who sat together and claimed to be pro-abortion nurses. They dressed identically in black scrubs and revealed to some of those around them that they were witches. I mean real witches of the Satanic sort. The vibe in the room was dark and macabre.

The Supreme Court Justice who wrote the majority opinion in *Roe* was Harry Blackmun, who delivered the main address at the dedication of the new law school building my first year of law school. I was then the editor of the school newspaper so I had to cover the event and therefore stand just a few feet away from the jurist as he spoke. I sensed the presence of a great evil which belied the banality of his ordinary manner and appearance.

His remarks were also unremarkable but I do recall that he was protested by 50 or so local residents, even though the year was 1973 and the decision in *Roe* was only a few months old. I don’t recall him ever really smiling. As the architect of the greatest atrocity in human history, his grim manner was apt. He may have also been self-conscious about the fact that legal scholars on both sides of the

abortion controversy had begun to criticize his written opinion as incoherent and riddled with non sequiturs which derived from misstatements of fact and conclusions of law which never followed logically from his premises. It was a political screed posing as legal scholarship.

He ruled, for instance, that access to elective abortion could be regulated — unless the pregnancy sought to be terminated imperiled a mother’s health. But in *Doe v. Bolton*, the companion decision handed down the same day, he ordered that only abortionists were qualified to decide when abortions were necessitated by issues related to “health,” which he defined to include emotional wellbeing, marital status, age, and other factors so subjective as to make the “health” exception a transparently dishonest power to kill virtually without limit. No wonder he wasn’t smiling.

Ms. Weddington didn’t “win” the *Roe* appeal in the sense of a real contest involving genuine appellate advocacy. Harry Blackman had spent literally years stacking the deck

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CBR staff member Maggie Ferrara stands outside the Passion Conference with our sign offering help for those facing crisis pregnancies or post-abortion grief. We also include AbortionPillReversal.com on our signs.



CBR Passionate about Reaching Students at Passion Conference



A majority of the 55,000 attendees of the Passion Conference were educated by CBR signs as they entered the venue in Atlanta.

We thank you for your continued partnership with CBR.

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."
PHILIPPIANS 3:20

Prayer Requests

- For CBR Summer Intern Program applicants
- For pastors to lead their flocks to stand for the sanctity of human life
- For more volunteers and staff members to join our team in 2022

Events

Outreach at Abortion Mills

January 8 Planned Parenthood, Mission Viejo, CA

Revival Project

January 2-3 Passion Conference, Atlanta, GA

Urban Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

Jan. 15 Arizona for Life March, Phoenix, AZ

Jan. 21 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Speaking Engagements

Jan 13 Mater Dei High School, Santa Ana, CA

CBR returned to the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, to reach the 55,000 young people who attended. We had a team of 23 CBR staff and volunteers who helped us cover different locations outside the January 2-3, 2022, event. We were pleased to welcome back three of our CBR summer interns to join us, as well as members of other pro-life ministries.

The big crowd was drawn by big name speakers and musicians including Louie and Shelly Giglio. The weather was pleasant on Sunday, but it turned cold and windy on Monday. Nonetheless, our crew still distributed 3500 pieces of literature to passersby, most of whom were 18-25 years old. Most attendees saw our signs multiple times.

Volunteer Pam reported that when Monday's weather turned bitterly cold, they struggled to keep their fingers warm as they held onto CBR signs and offered CBR literature about our summer intern program and our "Why this, why here?" revival brochure. After many students ignored her, Pam started saying, "If you're Christian and pro-life, we need you!" That prompted a greater response and students eagerly accepted literature, saying, "Oh, yes! I'm very pro-life!"

A passerby commented, "They should pick a different conference to hold those signs!" Our purpose in conducting sign displays outside such Christian venues is to reach young Christians with the reality that abortion kills babies. Some are killing their preborn babies out of ignorance, and others out of shame. They are a visual generation, and we bring them the visual evidence of babies alive in the womb, as well as babies killed by abortion. Our photographs save babies. Additionally, in order to win this battle for life, we need more people working full time to save babies. We offered conference-goers a card promoting our summer intern program, and we have already received one intern application.

CBR staff member Lincoln Brandenburg noted that one challenge of being outside large Christian events is that other groups come with their agendas. In this case, some street-preachers had messages that were perceived as cultish and directly critical of Passion. Our policy is to never condemn an event or a Christian leader, but we are present to call Christians to join us in this spiritual battle. CBR is passionate about saving babies.



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by relentlessly lobbying his fellow justices until he had cajoled and coerced the outcome he wanted. By the time Ms. Weddington showed up, the fix was already in. Abortion was going to be legalized even if a chimpanzee had served as counsel for the Appellant. In fact, Justice Blackman, who was known to “rate” the attorneys who appeared before the court, is reported to have awarded Ms. Weddington a mere “C+.” Perhaps she was attempting to compensate for her insecurity over the mediocrity of her performance by buying a monumental memorial stone for her grave which reportedly weighed a massive two tons! It identifies her as the counsel for the Appellant in *Roe*. What an epitaph for the ages.

The “Jane Roe” in *Roe v. Wade* was a woman whose real name was Norma McCorvey. The abortion lobby recruited and essentially paid her to serve as their “aggrieved” plaintiff. She agreed to offer a more sympathetic story by perjuring herself with the lie that she had conceived during a sexual assault. I met Ms. McCorvey several times

after her supposed conversion to Catholicism and claimed repudiation of abortion. She never seemed authentic to me, and shortly before her recent death, she revealed to a reporter that she had lied about her “rape” and then lied about her later rejection of abortion. My impression was that she was an opportunistic grifter with neither education nor employable skills who was willing to be whatever or whomever she decided she needed to be to advance her immediate interests. She was an equal opportunity scammer who took advantage of partisans on both sides of the abortion divide.

Given my career choice, it is deeply ironic, and arguably providential, that I would have met the three principal actors in the drama which legalized unlimited child sacrifice in America, and done so without any prior intent to interact with them. To a person, they were manifestly troubled souls, and how could they have been otherwise?

CBR Outreach at Arizona for Life March

Although faced with much spiritual attack prior to the January 15, 2022, Arizona for Life March, CBR pressed on and showed up with a sign display. CBR-Southwest Director Abra Singleton led a team of four volunteers and positioned our signs on the sidewalk at the beginning of the march, thus garnering good viewing for the participants.

After the march, Dr. Aveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at the rally. We are thankful that Ms. King agrees that abortion pictures need to be shown to the public to bring about change. Hear her testimony at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udmeL_v-PLg

Most marchers who saw our signs waved and thanked us for being there, and some commented how important it is to see these images. A few people became emotional and their eyes filled with tears.

Several kids intently looked at the signs. We overheard one child ask his parents, “They kill babies?” This demonstrates how important it is that we educate our children to protect them from future abortion decisions. Our signs prompt conversations that need to take place.



Many participants at the Arizona for Life March had not seen vivid photos of aborted children before they walked by our signs. We pray that the photos motivate people to be more energized in the fight to protect human lives.

January Challenge:

How can you live with less so you can give more to help babies live?



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Summer Intern Program - Help Us Recruit

We are pleased to offer the 2022 CBR Summer Intern Program whose purpose is to train young people to consider full-time professional pro-life activism. This Communiqué includes two inserts which we ask you to share with young people you know that may be good candidates. Applications will be open through February 28, 2022.

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