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We're Losing but We Should and Could be Winning

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For as long as we can recall, there has been a prevailing belief in most of the pro-life movement that we should not use abortion photos in our work. This destructive delusion has rendered our movement much less effective than it should have been, and we continue to see the tragic results of people's unwillingness to educate the public with abortion photos as we see pro-life bills being defeated after the reversal of Roe v. Wade. What words, without photos, could ever be adequate to describe the horror of abortion?

When did this lie begin? Who was behind it?

We know that ultimately Satan is the father of lies and he knows that educating people by showing them photographs of abortion saves preborn babies' lives. Satan is not pleased when the terrible truth is revealed. We must daily pray against his lies.

It is irrational to imagine that the public will ever be horrified by abortion so long as our movement continues to hide the horror of abortion.

This falsehood must be rejected and pro-lifers in every part of the movement must start using the photos to educate legislators and voters, women facing unwanted pregnancies and their parents, husbands/boyfriends, teachers and students, and everyone else.

After the reversal of Roe v. Wade, we should have been ready to move pro-life legislation to victory. Instead, the public had not been fully educated about who the preborn baby is, and what abortion actually does to the baby. People were easily deceived, once again, by the press and abortion advocates who told them that pro-life laws would take away women's rights. Abortion rights campaigners won ballot initiatives in Kansas, Michigan, Kentucky, Montana, California and Vermont. If voters had photographs of

preborn babies and aborted babies in their minds when they voted, many if not most would have voted pro-life.

Seventeen states have initiative and referenda processes, and the press reports that pro-abortion activists see openings to advance baby-killing initiatives in Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Some anti-abortion legislators do not realize how weak the pro-life movement is and they are working to pass laws making it more difficult to qualify initiatives for ballot battles they fear pro-aborts will win.

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CBR-Hawaii Director Steve Holck educates the public and fellow marchers at the Hawaii March for Life. This march begins and ends at the Capitol Building. Our focus will be more and more on the state level as we continue to educate people that our laws should protect preborn children.





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Most voters mistakenly believe that Roe only legalized abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy and that in the first trimester (when 90% of abortions are committed), embryos and early fetuses are merely blobs of tissue.

For 50 years, nearly every major pro-life group has covered up the pictures which prove abortion is a savage act of violence which tortures a baby to death. Saveable babies are being butchered as a consequence. Establishment pro-life organizations fear the persecution which is invited when abortion photos are displayed in public. These pictures provoke anger among passersby and alienate many donors. But abortion photos also save lives, because they eventually change hearts at levels which begin to win elections.

A CBR supporter from Michigan called us to express her disappointment that the Michigan initiative did not pass. This senior citizen has realized that what the right to life group has been doing in Michigan has not worked, and she called us to discuss what she can do to change this state of affairs. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham has spoken with her at length and given her several specific steps she can take.

Too many large pro-life organizations operate as businesses. They want to keep donor money coming in, so they shy away from doing anything that seems controversial. Some even try to placate pro-abortion forces by being polite and not doing anything to truly disturb them. Meanwhile, the abortion lobby is determined to kill babies and is now aiming to bypass legislators and go directly to voters through ballot initiatives in states that have them.

Dr. Jack Willke (1925–2015), the grandfather of the pro-life movement, along with his wife Barbara Willke, RN (1923-2013), were pioneers in the use of photo slides of abortion as they traveled and educated people in the 1970's, 1980's and into the 1990's. They spoke to largely Christian audiences. We deeply respected this couple. But something changed in their education. Mr. Cunningham heard Dr. Willke speak at events in late 1990's and early 2000's where he claimed that abortion pictures just upset people. Mr. Cunningham responded that abortion pictures do upset people, but they don't "just" upset people. The photos also change people's minds about abortion, and they save babies' lives. The photos propel many people to get involved in pro-life activism.

We will continue to use both prenatal photos and abortion photos in our education, and it is apparent that more of us

need to urge other pro-lifers to do the same. We make our photo signs available at our cost to activists, and we charge nothing to international pro-lifers who want access to the images.

May God use us to inspire more effective education in 2023 and beyond. He has given us the power to turn things around – the key is prayer and the pictures.

We thank God for your faithful support and prayers.

“For there is going to come a time when people won't listen to the truth but will go around looking for teachers who will tell them just what they want to hear. They won't listen to what the Bible says but will blithely follow their own misguided ideas.

Stand steady, and don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Bring others to Christ.

Leave nothing undone that you ought to do.”

II TIMOTHY 4:3-5 (LIVING BIBLE)

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the power of prayer and the pictures
- Courage for international pro-lifers who want to use our pictures
- Pastors to lead their flocks to stand for the sanctity of human life

Events

Revival Project

Jan. 3-5 Passion Conference 2023, Atlanta, GA

Pro-Life Training Academy/ Apologetics Training

Jan. 14 Zoom Training

Urban Outreach

Jan. 20 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Summer Intern Program - Help Us Recruit

We are pleased to offer the 2023 CBR Summer Intern Program whose purpose is to train young people to consider full-time professional pro-life activism. An insert is enclosed which we ask you to share with young people you know that may be good candidates. Applications will be open through February 28, 2023.



Exhorting Passion Conference-Goers

Large Christian events bring crowds of believers who need to be educated and activated regarding abortion. Most ignore the plight of the preborn, but we must remain faithful witnesses. Accordingly, The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) returned for the seventh year to Passion 2023 on January 3-5. Our team of 13 staff and volunteers held CBR photo signs and distributed 1,000 internship handouts as we sought to recruit interns for our summer program.

Approximately 21,000 young people attended this conference at State Farm Arena in Atlanta. Responses to our signs were similar to past years. We had some encouraging conversations, but tragically, apathy was the predominant attitude. One woman accepted our handout and proceeded to make a show of ripping it in half. You have to wonder what is in her heart, and if she believes Passion's purpose: "Rooted in the confession of Isaiah 26:8, Passion exists to glorify God by uniting students in worship, prayer and justice for spiritual awakening in this generation." <https://passionconferences.com/about/>

We seek justice for the preborn. No one who sees an aborted baby photo will be the same again. Once we get the picture into someone's head, it begins working to change his/her heart. Every time the word "abortion" is heard, its horror will be recalled to mind, even if the initial response was hostility or indifference.

Our teams were located on the sidewalks at intersections near the CNN Center. This afforded us the opportunity to educate CNN staff members who may have been looking out their windows. The CBR signs were Revival Signs (featuring abortion photos and Scripture) and a new CBR intern recruitment sign.



Outside Passion 2023, a man reaches for the CBR internship card offered by CBR Student Programs Coordinator Jacinta Robin.



Our sign reads "Will you be the hands and feet of Jesus to your preborn neighbor?" Many attendees of Passion 2023 walked by our signs as the priest and Levite walked by the beating victim, but thankfully some stopped to talk with our team and/or took our CBR internship card.

A young man in a wheelchair and his mother were supportive of our presence, encouraging us that our work is saving lives. The mother told their testimony of doctors diagnosing her preborn son as having a zero percent possibility of survival. She and her husband were urged to abort him, but they refused. Though he faces challenges, her son is happy to be alive.

A CBR volunteer named Brad had a conference attendee tell him, "What people really need is Jesus in their hearts and then they'll become pro-life... automatically!" Brad respectfully expressed disagreement. Not every new Christian will start attending a church where he/she will even hear about abortion and be disciplined to oppose it. Some pastors are so confused that they actually support abortion.

Our team also included a volunteer named Brooke, and her presence was especially encouraging because she is fruit of our outreach three years ago. We kept in contact with Brooke and she has since been involved in several pro-life endeavors, including using abortion photos at Georgia Right to Life. Thank God that He connects us with young people who are inspired by us to take effective action. Our prayer is that many of the conference attendees will be motivated to become our summer interns.

“ *What you wrote moved me and gave me courage
and hope for a change.* ”

**Italian pro-life woman who asked for access to our
abortion photos so her group can start using them**



Washington, D.C. March for Life - This rooftop photo taken by CBR Director of Staff Development Lincoln Brandenburg demonstrates how our large photo sign display can be seen by the crowds who proceeded by at the January 20, 2023 March for Life in Washington, D.C. This year, our display was on Constitution Avenue west of Pennsylvania Ave.

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