

Teachers Saving Children® Inc. Pro-Life Voices in Education

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Thoughts from the Executive Director Frank Ebiner

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest

if we do not give up."

- Galatians 6:9

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."
-- Proverbs 19:17

Generosity. This human quality, generosity, is a trait each of you demonstrate on a regular basis. You give time to others, you pray for those in need, you share your talents and treasures to make this world a better place.



Each of us can be "the light that shines out the darkness" (2 Corinthians 4:6). At times, we can anticipate the darkness our world shows, while other times darkness arrives unexpectedly.

On January 21st, thousands of pro-life Americans gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 49th March for Life. The theme for this year's March for Life was *Equality Begins in the Womb*. The weather was frigid with temperatures in the low 20's and wind-chill

temperatures in the teens, but there was plenty of enthusiasm as the March for Life ended at the steps of the United States Supreme Court where a ruling on the Mississippi Dobbs case is expected in June. John Gordon, long-time Teachers Saving Board of Trustees member, Children participated in the March for Life, and reported that, in spite of the weather, there was a great turnout of people of all ages, including a large number of the younger generation, The Pro-Life Generation. It was a wonderful show of support for the preborn babies in the womb and their mothers and fathers.



March for Life 2022 participants (in front of U.S. Supreme Court)

In this issue you will find various articles, including: (1) Outreach Events in which *Teachers Saving Children* members have participated to shine their light in a positive way. (2) Questions you can ask when you are having a conversation about abortion with others & (3) Transgenderism, Truth and Human Dignity.

On page 4, read about our recommended pro-life children's book and upcoming outreach events *Teachers Saving Children*[®] Inc. members will be attending in the next few months.

West Coast Walk for Life (San Francisco, California)

On Saturday, January 22, 2022, 49 years after the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, more than 15,000 pro-life Americans participated in the 18th annual *West Coast Walk for Life* in San Francisco. Compared to the cold temperatures the day before in Washington, D.C for the *March for Life*, participants in San Francisco were blessed with temperatures in the mid-60's and sunny skies.



West Coast Walk For Life ("Elige La Vida" means "Choose Life")

Teachers Saving Children, for the 7th consecutive year, was a sponsor with a table set up at the Civic Center Plaza. Hundreds of enthusiastic people visited our table, grateful for our pro-life advocacy in schools and support of pro-life teachers.

Several teachers asked how they can be advocates for life in the classroom. At our table, in addition to popular free items (pens, pencils, bookmarks, 10-week baby feet model pins, etc.), we recommended life-affirming children's books and suggested questions to ask abortion supporters or to facilitate a discussion, at age-appropriate levels in the classroom (3 of the questions follow below).

Questions to Ask Abortion Supporters (I would recommend first reading the question and answer each question yourself in your mind. Be compassionate, listen)

- 1. What is an abortion?
- 2. Why do you support abortion?
- 3. Is there a point in pregnancy when you would oppose abortion?

Made in His Image: Holy, Holy, Holy (Canton, Ohio)

On Saturday, February 19th, the Heritage Reformed Baptist Church, in Canton, Ohio hosted *Made in His Image 2022*, a pro-life event hosted by Christian men who believe the Gospel of Christ is the solution and the first line of defense against abortion. This annual pro-life event features guest speakers and pro-life groups advocating for the protection of human life, especially mothers and their children.



Exhibit table at Made in His Image Event

Teachers Saving Children, with 2 exhibit tables and plenty of free pro-life giveaway items, was well-represented by Board of Trustees member, Jan Luke, Joan Essinger (who makes baby blankets to give away free to new or expecting mothers), former long-time Executive Director Connie Bancroft, and Teachers Saving Children members Terry and Jody Dillon.



Sean was very happy to hold our newborn baby model.

A "fantastic event", as described by Jan, the exhibit tables for *Teachers Saving Children* were more popular than ever this year. Through your generous donations, we were able to purchase and donate five hundred dollars of baby diapers, sizes 5-7 for the local pregnancy help center in Canton.

Thank you for your support!

Transgenderism, Abortion and Human Dignity

President Joe Biden, in a January 25, 2020 tweet on Twitter, stated, "Transgender equality is the civil rights issue of our time. There is no room for compromise when it comes to basic human rights."

The theme for this year's *March for Life* was "Equality begins in the womb". It is with no small irony that Biden has cemented his place in U.S. history as the most proabortion President ever, ignoring the rights of the most vulnerable human beings, our preborn brothers and sisters in the womb.



Father and Daughter

Pro-life Americans understand the truth and value inherent in every human being. When abortion was legalized in the United States in 1973, the family was immediately in danger of being attacked. The promotion for transgenderism as normal and its acceptance is yet another attack on objective truth and the family. Gender dysphoria, historically, has been a reality for a very small percentage (0.002% - 0.003%) of biological females. In recent years, however, the percentage has increased 1,000% in the U.S. and 4,000% in Britain. (For a well-written, respectful look at transgenderism, see Abigail Shrier's book, "Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters".

Mark Gavit, a 5th grade teacher in California, recently wrote about the challenges he faces with students who want to know the truth. What follows are some excerpts from his article.

"There is an identity crisis in our world today. Youth are curious, and they long to know the truth. But the truth is often not what the world proclaims. They long to know the truth of who they are, the truth of their bodies, the truth of what it means to be human.

In the basic, most simple explanation, to be human means that (1) we are created male and female and (2) we were made in the image of God. What does it really mean to be made in the image of God? It means that we each reveal an aspect of God that no one else can. This is what sets us apart from animals. Human beings are made male and female in the image of God. This is our first and foremost identity. It pains a worldly, godless society to learn that we don't get to make up who we are or what it means to be human. We don't get to make up our own truth of what our bodies are for and what they reveal about our innermost being.



As humans, we have a biological sex and a gender identity. What happens if our gender identity doesn't align with our biological sex? This is called gender identity disorder. We are all wounded in one way or another. Individuals who feel they are trapped in the wrong body have wounds that need healing. It might be the woman who was abused as a young girl, began to hate herself and her body, and so identified with the masculine as a way of protecting herself from the pain. It might be the creative boy who was cruelly bullied and found no pathway into masculine identification and became intrigued with the dazzling icons of empowered women celebrities. Here is the key point: embracing a transgender identity does not heal the pain, it only masks the pain.

The TRUTH of our identity is revealed through our bodies, not our feelings. We must realize that there is objective truth that exists outside of ourselves. And that objective truth is that we were created male or female at the moment of our conception.

Gender reassignment surgery destroys the body. When we believe we have dominion over our bodies, we become our own god.

When people hear the truth spoken with love and charity, their hearts can be opened and powerful healing can take place. We are all wounded in one way or another, and we are all in need of healing. To begin to heal, we must take an honest look at our innermost self, our past experiences, and our deepest longings. We must open up our brokenness and reveal it all to Christ. He is the Divine Physician who is ready to heal.

You are an unrepeatable creation; a gift of life and love."



Mother and Son



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RECOMMENDED BOOK

"The Miracle" by Laurie Cockerell, is a beautifully written story for anyone who wants to talk with their children about the preciousness of human life. Recommended ages 3-7



"The Miracle" by Laurie Cockerell

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

- Great Homeschool Convention April 21-23, 2022 (Cincinnati, Ohio) TSC Board member Judy Bruns will attend Saturday, April 23rd
- Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania Convention (York, Pennsylvania, York Expo Center) June 10-11 (8 am- 5 pm)
- *NEA-RA (Chicago, Illinois)* July 3-6, 2022 (actual times and location, not finalized as of printing)



Teachers Saving Children members Terry and Jody Dillon with Jan Luke (in center of picture) at Made in His Image pro-life event

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