

Memorials & Celebrations

In Memory of my Wife Olga

From Dr. Raul E. Chao

In Memory & In Honor of My Beloved Parents Eugene & Madeleine Galien

From Therese Galien

In Memory of Margaret Langfeld

From Walter & Clair

In Memory of Jean Howard

From John Howard

In Memory of Martin R McNeela

From Nancy McNeela

In Memory of Manuel Bill & Barbara Joyce Bohigian

From Gary Bohigian

In Honor of Sarah Monge & Patience Griswold

From E. Glebocki

In Honor of Eleanor Staler

From Brenna MacMillin

In Honor of Larry & Mary Ann Smisek

From Gregory Smisek

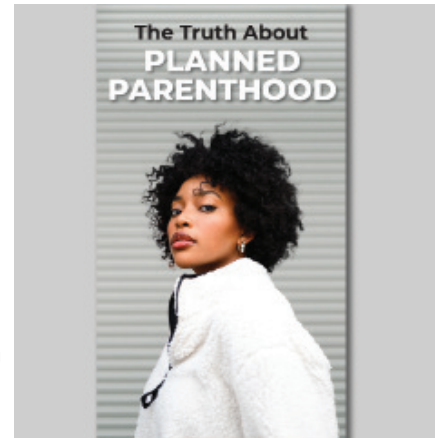
Updated Publications

We've made updates to **The Truth About Planned Parenthood**. This publication exposes the largest abortion corporation in the US and how they committed 1,025 abortions per day in 2022.

The 2024/2025 edition of **Just for Girls/Just for Guys** is being printed now and will be available in March.

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Ending Abortion in Our Time!

St. Cloud 40 Days for Life, a pro-life group based in central Minnesota, asked themselves, "what would happen if our neighbors heard the truth about abortion?" Earlier this year they reached out to Human Life Alliance and we coordinated with them to send our most recent publication, *What If...?* to over 65,000 homes!

The response this fall was tremendous:

Are you the ones who sent the "What if...?" brochure to me this week? It is just the best. What a beautiful job. It's one of the best pro-life resources I've ever seen—all my neighbors are talking about it. And it's about time pro-lifers started telling people what we believe. Minnesota's becoming an abortion destination. This [publication] is exactly what we need. I almost threw it away, thought it was junk mail, but decided to open it because of the enticing cover. I couldn't believe it was pro-life!

The "What if...?" magazine is fantastic! Sending it out to the public is a great way to reach the largest amount of people to inform the truth about abortion. THANK YOU!

The mailing led to conversations

between neighbors, pro-lifers looking for ways to get involved, and plenty of phone calls and emails to HLA's office – some calls even peppered us with unkind comments as you might guess.

It also helped St. Cloud 40 Days for Life reach enough people to hold their largest opening rally yet! The group has been a faithful presence for life in central Minnesota for the past decade and a half as they hold vigil outside the local Planned Parenthood for 40 days each fall. They recognize that the need has never been greater in their community. Minnesota recently passed radical pro-abortion laws and removed nearly all of the remaining safeguards protecting unborn babies in the state.

This has spurred local groups like St. Cloud 40 Days for Life to take action to make sure their communities know the truth about abortion in the U.S., and especially in their state. Organizers of St. Cloud 40 Days for Life shared with HLA staff that they have been hearing from friends and neighbors who were learning about the reality of abortion in the U.S. and Minnesota for the first time through the *What If...?* mailing.

“ I LOOKED AT THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND REALIZED THAT I'D NEVER STEPPED UP. SO TODAY I DID. ”

—Anonymous HLA donor



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LTE: Life's Value is Independent of Ability

You have no doubt seen the stories about a case in Texas where a mother named Kate Cox petitioned for the "right" to a "medically necessary" abortion because her baby had been diagnosed with Trisomy 18 ("Woman stuck in Texas legal battle leaves state to get abortion," Dec. 12).

Abortion defenders have argued that, because people with Trisomy 18 often live shorter lives, abortion is "medically necessary." Let's be clear: Killing someone, regardless of age, because they have a disability and may not live long and healthy lives, is not compassionate. And it certainly isn't "medically necessary."

Furthermore, a growing body of

evidence points to significantly improved survival and life-expectancy rates for babies with Trisomy 18. Dr. Glenn Green at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, a leading expert on Trisomy 18 in the U.S., says, "When parents engage with full interventions, we have a 90% survival rate at the University of Michigan."

Unfortunately, Kate Cox traveled to another state and had an abortion anyway.

No one, especially unborn babies, deserve to be killed simply because they have a disability or the "wrong" gender. Sadly, Minnesota just legalized not only disability abortions,

but they also legalized abortions based entirely on the gender of the baby during the 2023 legislative session. Make no mistake, this is discrimination in its cruelest and deadliest form.

We need to raise awareness of the inherent dignity and personhood of human life, from conception until natural death, without exception or compromise. No one's values or rights should be determined by their disabilities, gender or life expectancy.

by: Andy Aplikowski, Executive Director

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About Human Life Alliance

HLA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), tax deductible organization, that promotes awareness of the inherent dignity and personhood of human life, born and preborn, without exception or compromise. HLA exists to inform, inspire, and involve the pro-life community through comprehensive pro-life publications presenting the truth about abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia. We equip sidewalk counselors, pregnancy centers, churches, campus groups, and community members to build a culture of life.

HLA has served the pro-life community around the world for more than 47 years by pioneering educational initiatives, working with policymakers, assisting unwed mothers, reaching teens, and saving the lives of young women and their babies—especially young women between the ages 15 and 24 who are in the greatest danger of crisis pregnancies. HLA presents the truth about abortion and supports life-affirming alternatives to infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide and the so-called "safer-sex" myths to change hearts and save lives every day.

Over the years, HLA has established an extraordinary record of service—an unrelenting commitment and dedication to developing respect for all human life. HLA's goal is to distribute its life-saving materials around the globe to make abortion not just illegal, but unthinkable. Since beginning printed educational campaigns in 1990, HLA has reached 238.3 million people in all 50 States, 88 different countries and all 7 continents.



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From the President

We said goodbye to Joe Langfeld last year. He left to serve as his parish's new administrator. He will be missed and is leaving some pretty big shoes to fill. As the Board began its search for a new Executive Director, one name kept coming up over and over. The name was Andy Aplikowski. I knew Andy from my relationship with his mother Beverly. Yes, our long-time HLA supporter, former Board member, and President Emeritus. Andy is Bev's son.

Not only was Andy familiar with HLA, he had the business management experience to run a non-profit, and he shares our passion for life-affirming advocacy. After a competitive and thorough interview process, the HLA Board unanimously offered Andy the opportunity to be HLA's new Executive Director.

I am excited to see his skill and expertise put to work at HLA. Please give him a warm welcome.

In life,

Melanie A. Freimuth

Melanie Freimuth - HLA President

Hello from Andy

When Melanie first asked if I'd be interested in this role, I asked, "Why is Joe leaving?" Joe had been more than just the face of HLA, he'd been the glue holding it together for years. I accepted the offer and have been working hard over the last three months to learn as much as I can and position HLA for the battle ahead.

I was born and raised in Minnesota. Originally from Arden Hills, I graduated from Mounds View High School in 1994 and attended the University of Duluth for College and managed a snowboard shop part-time. When my father could no longer work due to illness, I returned home to help my mom run our family business for the next 15 years.

One of my passions is civic engagement, a bug I got from my mom, Bev. I dove into politics as an activist in my free time. It started with putting up lawn signs and doing lit drops. Twenty years later I was Political Director for the Republican Party of Minnesota and working with candidates and national partners. The experience and relationships I've made will go a long way to help more people become aware of HLA and its mission.

I met my amazing wife Rachel along the way in politics. We met on the campaign trail attending conventions, me as a delegate or volunteer, her as a staffer for Congresswoman Michele Bachmann and eventually Tom Emmer's first Congressional campaign. We married right after the 2014 election in a private ceremony in the Library of Congress in our Nation's Capital.

Rachel and I moved to Forest Lake in 2021 so we could care for my mom, who is now 88. Rachel works for the Minnesota Senate. We have two dogs and enjoy spending time at our lake place in Western Wisconsin.

In this newsletter you'll see a letter to the editor (LTE) I had published in the *Star Tribune* in December and read about how I testified against the Physician Assisted Suicide bill that was introduced in Minnesota in January.

Check out the new HLA blog where the video of my testimony is posted. humanlife.org/inform

I look forward to the opportunity to help guide HLA through the *Post-Roe* world. Our tried and true publications and other resources need to get into even more hands. Our mission to respect life from creation to natural death is more important than ever and we need to explore additional methods for delivering our messages. Please, don't hesitate to reach out to me: aaplikowski@humanlife.org.

God bless,

Andy Aplikowski, Executive Director

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HLA's Executive Director Andy Aplikowski and Program and Marketing Coordinator Patience Griswold at the March for Life Expo in Washington D.C. January 2024

March for Life Washinton DC

Patience and I were honored to represent HLA at the 2024 March for Life in Washington D.C.. We had a booth at the expo where we met peers and thousands of pro-life activists from across the globe. We received confirmation that our publications and resources work directly from the people and organizations that use them.

The theme this year, "with every woman, for every child," focuses on the need to care for both mother and child during the nine months of pregnancy and in the years after. The speakers focused on the importance of pregnancy centers and maternity homes across the country that exist to provide support for women facing unexpected pregnancies so that no mother ever feels alone or without support on her journey.

The March itself was inspirational. The estimate of over 100,000 attendees was impressive given the snow storms in D.C. that week. We peacefully marched to Capitol Hill where many went to meet with members and staff. If you have not been to a March for Life before, start planning for 2025. See more at www.marchforlife.org



March for Life St. Paul

Our friends at Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL) held their annual St. Paul March for Life at the State Capital on Monday, January 22. Thousands showed up to the march and heard fantastic speeches and testimonies. This year, 12,175 life-size dolls representing the victims of abortion in Minnesota during 2022 were displayed on the steps during the rally and then moved inside and placed on the floor of the Capitol Rotunda.

You can watch the full MCCL Minnesota March for Life event at: MCCL.org

Opposing Assisted Suicide



HLA is part of the Minnesota Ethical Care Alliance, a group leading efforts against euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide.

In a rare move, Rep. Tina Liebling (D) called a committee hearing for HF1930, a bill legalizing physician assisted suicide, prior to the Legislative Session. HLA submitted written testimony that was well received by opponents of the bill.

Our Executive Director, Andy Aplikowski, also provided oral testimony to the committee. Minnesota readers should contact their Legislators to oppose HF1930. Check out our *Imposed Death* magazine to find out more on Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide.

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Heaven Sent

Heaven Sent is a new column that highlights donors and activists.

Last fall HLA received an anonymous donation of \$50,000. A surprise, to be sure, but most welcome as the battle for the hearts and minds of our young people—and the entire culture—is at an all-time high.

"It's always a challenge to respond to an anonymous gift," commented Joe Langfeld, HLA's former Executive Director. "We want to reach out to any supporter; however, due to the nature of this type of gift I just don't know where to turn."

It's not unusual for non-profit organizations like HLA, to receive "anonymous" gifts, but this gift was substantial and well timed. With the consistent rise in expenses, this gift in particular was a special blessing.

So whoever you are, "THANK YOU!" Your special gift will help HLA print more than half a million new editions or reach a couple million more people online with a powerful pro-life message.



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Pro-Life in Pittsburgh



Caitlan, a dedicated pro-Life activist, places a fact card on each light post in front of her local Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh.

If you have a testimony or a pro-life encounter to share, send to feedback@humanlife.org