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# Huge Victory for CBR-Poland

**"W**e won!!! I am in Poland, and 'Stop #Abortion' bill passed 267-154 in Parliament." This tremendous news was received September 24 from Salome Irene van der Wende, CBR-Netherlands founder. She traveled to Poland to support our CBR affiliate, Fundacja Pro (Right to Life Foundation). The testimony she gave to the media the day prior to the vote was a powerful refutation to those who claim abortion is necessary for the "hard cases." Ms. van der Wende was conceived in rape, yet her life is as precious to God as anyone else's life.

A journalist referred to Ms. van der Wende as a "weapon" in the debate. In reality, she is a mighty warrior and the truth is the weapon.

The next step in making the bill law is it passes to the Justice and Human Rights commission, after which there will be another draft and vote. Ms. van der Wende posted on the **AbortusInformatie.nl** Facebook page: "Poland made abortion illegal in 1993, but with exceptions. Now there is the hope that the government will no longer let sons be killed for the crime of their father."

LifeSiteNews published an excellent report on September 23, 2016 ( <http://bit.ly/2cQSGWK> ):

'Abortion is the massacre of innocent children, hell for women and a moral disgrace for men,' said Joanna Banasiuk, a lawyer from the Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture that introduced the bill to the members of Parliament.



*During the abortion bill debate in Parliament, CBR-Poland was out in force to remind people what was being debated. Police were out in force because pro-abortion protestors were nearby.*

The proposed ban on abortion is the work of a grass-roots movement and, contrary to what has been reported in the foreign press, was started neither by the Catholic Church nor by the government. The Polish democratic system enables a group of citizens to initiate a legislative procedure (a bill) in the lower chamber of the Parliament by gathering 100,000 signatures. The citizens' initiative on abortion received more than 450,000 signatures. A few organizations are behind this legal proposition, including the Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture and The Right to Life Foundation.

The new law would give legal protection to all children from the moment of conception, thereby outlawing all abortions in Poland ...



*This Fundacja Pro team included many young volunteers who on September 22 held signs outside Sejm, the lower house of the Polish Parliament (the round building).*

Three days before the vote, a private television station showed a seven-minute abortion video entitled *Choice Blues*, produced by Gregg Cunningham of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform in 2002. The video aired at 11:25 pm on Republika TV on the program 'The Clash of Civilizations,' hosted by conservative journalist Tomasz Terlikowski. That evening's guests included Mariusz Dzierżawski, whose Right to Life Foundation spearheaded the proposed abortion ban, and Member of Parliament Tomasz Rzymkowski from Kukiz'15. Terlikowski, the editor-in-chief of Republika TV, warned his audience that the video was graphic but argued that people could only discuss abortion once they understood what it was.

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Pray for the Polish government as they still face tremendous pressure and intimidation from European Union (EU) organizations with strong abortion lobbies. Pray that God will bless the efforts of our Polish affiliate and their pro-life colleagues as they have worked tirelessly to implement CBR strategies. This law will be the biggest international pro-life legislative victory ever achieved and the basis is CBR abortion pictures and strategy.

Editor's note: CBR-USA is against abortion in all cases except a legitimate life of the mother case. We support criminal penalties against abortionists, but not mothers who are often victimized themselves.

## Two San Marcos Universities See GAP

It took months of preparation, but CBR's Anna Johnson prevailed in bringing our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to two colleges in San Marcos, California. Mrs. Johnson diligently mentored pro-life students and trained them how to defend the pro-life position. It is vital that we prepare the students to speak to their peers about our huge photomural display that compares abortion to other forms of recognized genocide. We also prepare them for the opposition they are certain to face.



*GAP at Palomar College prompted groups of students to stop and discuss abortion on September 14. GAP gets them thinking!*

California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) Students for Life Treasurer Nathan Apodaca also worked hard to bring GAP on both campuses. Mr. Apodaca wrote an excellent opinion piece that was posted online: <http://bit.ly/2d1vd3y>. He responded to a common argument:

Many said that abortion doesn't kill a human being which is patently false, since the unborn entity in question has human parents, which means it must, in fact, be a human being. Furthermore, it has a human genetic code. If a living being has human parents and human DNA, then how can it not possibly be a human being?

More than one staff member came by Kellogg Plaza to thank us for being at CSUSM on September 12-13. A student who had been

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adopted from Kazakhstan also came up to express her support and interest in joining the CSUSM Students for Life organization.

Opposition increased on day two when pro-aborts organized a counter-protest of about 15 people at any given time. Most of them refused to engage in dialogue, as usual, but there were exceptions.

A young man revealed that his "chick" had had an abortion. He denied that our photo of an 11-week aborted fetus could be accurate, claiming that babies at that age don't have facial features, fingers, and toes. Dr. Kevin Olivier, CBR Director of Operations, brought out our textbook, "The Developing Human," and flipped to an exquisite picture of an 11-week fetus showing all those body parts perfectly formed. The student responded, "OK, you've proved me wrong," but proceeded to say that the abortion had "saved his life" because he and his girlfriend go surfing almost every day, and there's no way they could do that if they had a child. He missed the tragic irony that to "save his life" he had to kill his child.

A young woman left the counter-protest and approached the barricades. She seemed fed up with the sloganeering, chanting, etc. as she said to Dr. Olivier, "OK, I want to hear your side of



*Seth Gruber (at right) spoke with two students who stopped skateboarding to look at the CSUSM GAP display on September 12. Other students listened to Seth's sound arguments which he honed as a CBR intern; he now works with our friends at Life Training Institute.*





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the story.” She listened very open-mindedly as did a young man who appeared to be her boyfriend.

Palomar College was the second college we visited. Rebekah Dyer, President of the Palomar College Students for Life (SFL) organization, worked tirelessly on September 14. She was constantly in the middle of the action and even collected two pages of student sign-ups for SFL. Miss Dyer summed up GAP in a September 29, 2016 email:

GAP at Palomar was a great success. I’ve been working with Students for Life at Palomar for two semesters now, and this event got the greatest number of people talking about an issue that is often ignored. ... I was interviewed by the school paper. We also had an angry protestor stand across from us and hold up a sign while she yelled “Abortion is a civil right!” among other things. The images clearly show that abortion should be no one’s civil right because it violently kills an innocent human being. The protestor showed a stark contrast between the pro-life and pro-choice side. There is no good argument for murdering a little baby and when people who support abortion see the aftermath of what it does to a baby, their position is brought to light and they hate that. “Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.” Ephesians 5:11.

**Thank you for your support as we defend the lives of preborn children.**

*“The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.”*

PSALM 27:1B-2

### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for strong pastoral leadership to stand against abortion
- Pray for Christian students to boldly sponsor GAP on their campuses

### **2016 Events**

#### **Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)**

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| Sept. 12-13 | California State University, San Marcos             |
| Sept. 14    | Palomar College, San Marcos, CA                     |
| Sept 26-27  | Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN |
| Sept 28-29  | Tennessee Technology University, Cookeville, TN     |

#### **TV/Radio Interviews**

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| October 3 | Al Jazeera “The Stream” interview with CBR-Netherlands founder |
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#### **Training Seminars/ Speaking Engagements**

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| Sept. 7 | Pro-Life Training Academy, CSU San Marcos, CA |
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Professor Cecili Chadwick wrote a scathing online opinion piece against GAP ( <http://bit.ly/2dPCN3R> ). Ms. Chadwick lambasted religion: “[GAP] is a great example of the resurgence of old religious political power that type casts women as the root of evil.” This sort of bizarre statement reminds us that American students are often poisoned with hateful and untrue rhetoric that approximates what children are taught in totalitarian and terrorist regimes.

Another student newspaper ran a fairly balanced GAP story ( <http://bit.ly/2dvizZH> ):

When asked about the comparison between abortion and genocide, Dyer responded, ‘What else would you call the 1.2 million children every year killed?’ ...

Kevin Olivier, Director of Operations for CBR, stated that counter protests are common at their college demonstrations. ‘They’re often not willing to dialogue. If they are ... we essentially tell them we’re willing to take down our display if they can tell us why it’s okay to dismember and decapitate preborn human beings.’

GAP is now in its 19th year, thanks to your faithful support. Our display has changed countless minds on abortion by showing people the compelling photographic evidence.

## **Fair Welcomes CBR-North Carolina**

**F**ather Joseph Kala Oji, a chaplain at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), invited CBR to share the Catholic Ministry table at the August 18 Annual Faith Fair. CBR-North Carolina Project Directors Bill and Jeanette Schultz were eager to participate at this historic African-American university in Durham. Mrs. Schultz described the day:

Father Oji had arrived earlier and gave us an assigned table across from a loud sound system that was playing Christian music! With being in the middle high point of the sidewalk we were highly visible to all and had 30-plus ministry tables surrounding us on either side. All students passed by us ... It was a perfect location to display the two CBR Unmasking “Choice” Posters on an “A” frame along with an 8-foot long banner elevated over our table with a large wooden cross and the words: “CHRISTIANS UNITED WITH LOVE for MOTHER and CHILD” John 17:20-23.

Father Oji understands the need to use graphic images; he told the Schultzes that he wants to learn all he can about CBR strategies and bring the knowledge with him when he returns to his country in Africa.

The Schultzes and volunteer Patti Shanley engaged in handing out literature and talking to a large number of interested Christian students. We trust that God will do great things as the Schultzes follow up with the 20 students who signed up for involvement with CBR.

“ ... this event [GAP] got the greatest number of people talking about an issue [abortion] that is often ignored.. ”

Palomar College SFL president



*CBR's Jeanette Schultz (blue shirt at right) spoke with eager students at the North Carolina Central University Annual Faith Fair.*

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