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# Irrespective of the Outcome of Ireland's Abortion Referendum, the Country Will Never be the Same

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This morning I spoke via telephone with Dr. Jean Engela, the Director of Irish CBR, our affiliate in Ireland. I confirmed that our barristers and solicitors had just sent to the Irish Medical Council a letter opposing attempts by pro-abortion activists to have Dr. Engela's medical license revoked. His supposed offense? Displaying abortion photo signs in public.

Dr. Engela also informed me that yet another vandal rode up on a bicycle and slashed one of ICBR's signs with a knife. These attacks are becoming more frequent as pro-death activists express their frustration at the refusal of the police to arrest ICBR team members.

The reason the police have stopped threatening us with arrest is that we barraged the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) with legal memoranda which threatened to sue any police department which interfered with the exercise of our expressive rights. The DPP has twice announced that they will not charge or prosecute us for displaying abortion photo signs.

This left the pro-aborts powerless to stop us. The May 21, 2018 *New York Times* featured a column written by an Irish couple complaining bitterly about CBR's abortion pictures in Dublin. They are offended by "an unsettling array of... billboards covered in images of fetuses." They claim that "those lives represented by the posters are being exploited" and are not "coming from a place of love and compassion" because the images are being used to provoke "shock" and "disgust."

The couple apparently supports the repeal of Amendment 8 which provision is in the constitution to protect the preborn because they decry the "necessity" for Irish women to travel to England to kill their babies. For such women the writers contend that "the sense of enforced forgiveness was degrading, a result of the shame which surrounds the journey." But if abortion is a morally responsible act, why would its election elicit shame? And if it shouldn't be a "stigmatizing" choice, why would a picture of it be "particularly distressing"? These are people who want to kill their babies and they demand that no one make them feel bad about doing so.



The top two photos demonstrate the lengths to which Irish pro-aborts will go to strive to cover-up Irish CBR's public abortion education banners. They come with rainbow flags, "pro-choice" signs, women dressed as "angels," men holding capes, and various other paraphernalia. They are desperate to keep Irish citizens from seeing the truth, even covering up banners with images of living preborn babies.

In the bottom photo, ICBR Director Dr. Jean Engela is interviewed by the media.



CBR is an educational organization, so we stay out of ballot initiative campaigns and all other political activity. But it is axiomatic that people who have seen the horror of abortion are measurably less likely to support it. We were educating Irish citizens about abortion long before the Amendment 8 campaign began and, Lord willing, we will continue our work long after it ends. We don't have any position on Amendment 8, but we are determined to get abortion photos into the heads of as many passersby as is humanly possible.

# Survivor of Down “Diagnosis” Sees Himself in GAP Image

“That was almost me,” said the Palomar College student as he stood in front of our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) “Intellectual Genocide” sign. He went on, “The doctor told my parents that I probably had Down syndrome, but they chose not to abort me, and I’m grateful for that.” The doctor was wrong, as is frequently the case in prenatal diagnoses. He was *not* born with Down syndrome, and even if he had been, we should welcome him to the world.

We brought GAP to Palomar College in San Marcos, California, for the second time on April 30. Among the student enrollment of 27,000, there were thousands who needed to see the reality of abortion. Our GAP display challenges people to think about abortion differently than the standard media and pro-abortion slogans. When we erect our massive photo sign displays on college campuses, it is a “game-changer.” No longer can pro-abortion professors lie to students without students having the opportunity to see the truth about abortion.

A few faculty members set up a table across the way from our display. They asked passersby to stop and write down their “thoughts and feelings” about our display. But a little observation made it clear that they were looking for opportunities to talk us down in front of the people who stopped. They pushed the claim that our aborted baby photos are somehow inaccurate. We can easily refute that claim if someone has the integrity to speak with us; we always have available a copy of *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology* (Moore, Keith L; Persaud; the textbook widely used in medical schools). A student can quickly verify the accuracy of our photos of living and aborted embryos and fetuses, whose developmental stages we always include on the signs.

Kevin Olivier, Ph.D., CBR Director of Operations, was accompanied by a volunteer named Steve to buy lunch for our team at the cafeteria. They were more than surprised when a man who appeared to be the cafeteria manager paid for their lunches and shook their hands as they checked out.

Just two minutes later, back at the GAP display site, a man asked for the sponsor of the event. When Dr. Olivier was identified as the person in charge, the man slapped a wad of \$5 and \$1 bills into Dr. Olivier’s hand. God does provide for our needs in surprising ways!

In the afternoon a group of 5-7 students showed up with handwritten protest signs. A few of our volunteers engaged

them in discussion, and then all of them sat down together on the grass near the GAP display and talked for about 20 minutes. When our volunteers returned to the display, the “protestor” students sat quietly on the grass for about an hour -- with signs lying on the ground -- and then disbanded. The combination of our photographs and our poised, kind and knowledgeable team members is a powerful thing to behold.



*Volunteer Colleen spoke with a Palomar College student and learned he was misdiagnosed in utero with a high likelihood of having Down syndrome. (They were standing in front of the sign pictured here.) Thank God his mother gave him life instead of the “doctor-recommended” abortion. All babies should be given the right to be born and live.*



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**Y**ou can help the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform if you plan to buy or sell a home or business. RealEstateForLife.org is “Funding Gospel of Life Groups World-Wide.” Call 877-543-3871 or email ProLifeRealEstate@yahoo.com indicating you were referred by CBR. They’ll send you the name of an agent in your area. If a sale is made, CBR will receive a generous donation from the realtor’s commission. There is no cost to you.



# CBR-Southeast Conducts Another Ambitious GAP Tour

The first stop on CBR-Southeast's Spring GAP tour of five universities was Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, on April 4-5.

One of the most interesting exchanges during ASU GAP occurred between a new CBR staff member and a professor. Although Mik'aela Raymond is just 21 years old, and it was her first GAP, she went toe-to-toe with the professor and came out holding her own. The professor, who teaches about genocide, told Miss Raymond, "You make your case very well. I don't agree that abortion is genocide, but you make your case very well."

The second university was April 9-10 at University of Tennessee in Knoxville (UTK). During last year's GAP at UTK, we had trouble with protesters attempting to block our display. When school officials refused to move them back from blocking, we promised a return visit to UTK; we returned just a few weeks later and administrators were more cooperative. This year was still heavy with protesters, but they were more compliant when the police asked them to move.

A young female student came up to CBR staff member Jane Bullington and said she "hated us being there" when she saw GAP last year at UTK. She thought we were wrong because it's "a woman's choice." Yet, to her credit, she did research of her own and, lo and behold, she now believes it is not a woman's choice because the baby has a right to live. When the student expressed her uncertainty about the hard cases involving rape, incest and life of the mother and Mrs. Bullington adeptly addressed them, the student received the pro-life logic and thanked her.

It is a blessed sight to see all the conversations taking place simultaneously around the GAP display, as well as at our free speech board, our polling table, and all around the campus. Only our huge display of thought-provoking abortion and genocide photos can get a campus buzzing about the subject of abortion.



*Pro-abortion students at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, GAP appeared to have no shame, but God will work on their hearts. Many such students go home and reflect further, and even change their minds about abortion; they need our prayers.*

**God bless you for standing with us  
as we proclaim God's grace and truth.**

*"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

ROMANS 5:20b

## Prayer Requests

- Pregnant women choose life, not abortion
- Courage for pastors to preach against abortion
- Spiritual protection for our team members and their families

## Events

### ALL Black Lives Matter Project

April 13 NMAAHC, Washington, D.C

May 8-11 NMAAHC, Washington, D.C

### Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

April 4-5 Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

April 9-10 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

April 11-12 Tennessee Technology University, Cookeville, TN

April 16-17 University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC

April 18-19 University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC

April 30 Palomar College, San Marcos, CA

May 1-2 San Diego State University, CA

### Online Media Coverage

May 17 Holy Spirit Broadcasting Network - Jesus Asks, "Are You Listening?"

### "Choice" Sign Outreaches

April 27 #ProtestPP Glendale, AZ

April 28 #ProtestPP, Tempe, AZ

May 16 North Carolina Capitol, NC

May 22 Arizona State University West, Phoenix, AZ

### RCC Trucks

April 11-12 Cookeville, TN

April 16-17 Charlotte, NC

April 18-19 Greensboro, NC

### Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

May 17 Pregnancy Support Group banquet Woodland, CA

### Pro-Life Training Academy

April 14 UNC Charlotte, Co-sponsor Concerned Women for America, NC Chapter

April 28 Calvary Chapel Mission Viejo, CA

“ *That was almost me.* ”

Student pondering our GAP “Intellectual Genocide” sign



*This crowd gathered at Appalachian State University GAP on April 4-5 to discuss and debate abortion.*

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