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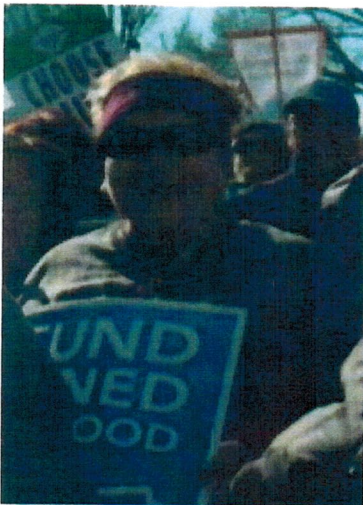
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## MARCHING FOR LIFE

By Stacey Ontai

I recently sat down with Emily Yeary to talk about her March for Life experience in Washington, D.C. Attending this event had been on her bucket list for a long time. When her friend Dorothy Stathis attended the march at the age of eighty, Emily thought, "I'm going to do that one day!"

In mid- January, a group of ninety people from around the



Crossroads made the trip to the March for Life. She was struck by the young people from Shiner that attended.

"There's a strong pro-life group in Shiner."

She remembers the times before Roe vs. Wade was passed in 1973. "If a girl got pregnant she quietly went to a maternity home to have the child and the baby was put

up for adoption." It was all kept very quiet. Also, she never heard of anyone having an abortion. "That would have been done quietly too," said Emily, "Perhaps, someone knew a friend who knew a doctor who did the operation." You only found out if the abortion caused medical issues and the patient had to seek outside care.

In the 70s, after Roe vs. Wade passed, very little was said from the pulpit according to Emily. It was a dark time and we asked ourselves, "How did we let this happen?"

That's why it was refreshing to see and feel the energy from the many young people at the March for Life. They marched from the Washington Monument to the Capitol. The Mall was filled with people marching shoulder- to -shoulder. "You couldn't stride down the Mall because there were so many people around you!" exclaimed Yeary.

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## CALENDAR

February 13 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)  
General Meeting - POTLUCK

101 W. Convent

Sister Frances Cabrini


presenting

"The Definition of Love"

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February 14

Happy Valentines Day 

February 24 (10:00 - 12:00 pm)

Work Day

Contact Michelle Babb

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Note:

No General Meeting in March

March 6 (5:00 -7:00 pm)

Color for a Cause

Victoria Mall

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## I HAVE FIVE MOTHERS *By Paul Tasin*

I have been blessed to have five mothers in my life. I was blessed with my birth mother, my adopted mother, and when I converted to Catholicism I received my Godmother and the Blessed Mother. My fifth "mother" is my mother-in-law.

My birth mother gave me up for adoption when I was a baby. My mother had gotten pregnant at a young age and was sent away to a maternity home to give birth. That was common in the day. After I retired at the age of 62, I searched for her. My adopted sister gave me the name of my birth mother and father. I tried to obtain the original adoption documents but a judge blocked my request. I am still bitter about that. Eventually, I did find my birth mother who was living in San Angelo. We established a great relationship and I kept in contact with her until she died at the age of 93.

*"Being adopted makes one acutely aware that he is different and to protect others who are different or in danger." -Paul Tasin*

I was adopted by Wm. & Adeline Tasin. My adopted family sent me to St. Joseph's School in Victoria, Texas where I learned about the Catholic faith. As a young boy, I attended the Lutheran church since my mother was Lutheran but in my heart I was Catholic. My adopted mother taught me to care for others. I joined the Catholic church at the age of 18 and Bertha Sitterle became my godmother. She showed me true Faith and her devotion to Mary was a great example for me to follow. I asked God to give me a holy, Catholic girl. He sent Marjorie Holy my way. We met when I was working at Model Market. I got her contact information off the check she used to pay for her groceries. We married after a couple years of courting and I got my fifth "mother", my mother-in-law. Marjorie is a super great wife and a very devoted Catholic as is her mother.

I always looked out for the "little guy". In college, I wrote my first letter to the editor, warning of the dangers of abortion being legalized. It was 1973 and I was shocked as was the rest of the nation when the Supreme Court came down with their immoral Roe vs. Wade decision. I believe that fake cases were presented to the Supreme Court. Eventually, they finally found a woman, Norma McCorvey, to be the "face" of their cause. Most people didn't realize the impact this decision would have on society. One person who did was Pope Paul VI who wrote *Humanae Vitae* in July 25, 1968. This Encyclical letter on the regulation of birth talked about of the effect it would have on society.

I have been involved in many pro-life organizations here in Victoria. One of them was the "Life and Family Advocates" newsletter that was published monthly by Dorothy Stathis who also worked for the Victoria Advocate. The publication included pro-life activities, abortion statistics, and prayers. I eventually took it over with Jack Mullins as the President and Sam Valdivia as Treasurer. We also took charge of the the Candle Light March which occurs in January around the time of the Roe vs. Wade decision made on January 22, 1973. At 81 years old, I still write letters to the editor and post flyers letting women know that they can get a free ultrasound at the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Victoria. I participated in the recent Candle Light March, although I didn't march but met up with everyone at Our Lady of Sorrows to hear the speaker.

I am the old guy looking out for the little guy.

## DONATIONS WANTED

For MOM bags:  
maternity clothes (sizes L & XL)  
Hand lotion  
shampoo and conditioner



For BABY bags:  
receiving blankets  
baby blankets  
nail clippers  
aspirator  
baby thermometer

# MARCHING FOR LIFE

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Jumbo trons broadcasted the speakers who were located outside of the Rose Garden. She was impressed by Sister Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life who have a "Holy Respite" for pregnant women. Mothers are given a place to rest and get their feet on the ground while living in community with the Sisters.

Paul Ryan, current Speaker of the House, introduced all the pro-life congressmen. She was impressed by the number of congressmen standing behind him. Three of them were Democrats.

U.S. Representative Chris Smith from New Jersey spoke about the "efficaciousness" of prayer and fasting to combat the spiritual battle we face in dealing with abortion. Mr. Smith has a special place in her heart because Rev. Stan DeBoe a Trinitarian priest and former pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows church in Victoria worked on his staff as the Chaplain. (Emily bumped into Fr. Stan at the March.) Lastly, President Trump spoke. Trump is the first President to ever speak at a March for Life event. Emily was overwhelmed by his support of the pro-life movement. President Trump introduced Marianne Donadio from Greensboro, North Carolina. At 17, Marianne Donadio got pregnant and was uncertain of how her parents would react. Fortunately, her parents responded with love and support. After her experience, Marianne felt called to start a home for homeless, pregnant women which she called "Room at the Inn." They provide childcare, education, job training and counseling.

When Emily heard this, she thought of the Victoria Gabriel Project (VGP). Emily is one of the co-founders of the project which brings hope and help to pregnant women in need. VGP also plans to open a maternity home in Victoria, Texas. Emily returned from the March full of hope that soon we will see Roe vs. Wade overturned. She was energized by the younger generation that is pro-life.

## CANDLELIGHT MARCH COMMENTARY

After much planning and anticipation, The 31st Candlelight March for Life was a huge success. Our speaker, Dr. Brooke Jemelka, was awesome, the crowd was the largest ever, and the weather was perfect. Having Bishop Cahill and Fr. Jasper there to inspire us after their trip to Washington DC for the National March for Life was a real treat! Generous donations were received from those attending our local march. The money was split between The Crisis Pregnancy Center and The Gabriel project and will benefit them greatly!

After all the worrying, planning, and praying, when will we learn that the Holy Spirit always comes through !!! Thank you for all the help and encouragement! Thank you Gabriel Project/Stacey Ontai for the candles which were a very nice addition to the March.

*By: Robert and Bernie Seale - Gianna Project*

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