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## Happy Father's Day



# The Birth Privilege of Brian Sims

By Bonnie Finnerty

While not one major network has covered the story, thanks to social media, most people are aware of Pennsylvania State Representative Brian Sims' disgraceful harassment of a peaceful, prayer, pro-life witness in front of a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood. In his eight minute tirade, which he filmed and posted online, proudly showcasing his bullying of "an old white woman," the elected official assails her for her "white privilege." Sims is also white, but apparently he handles his "white privilege" in a morally superior fashion. Or at least that's his self-perception.

Cambridge English Dictionary defines white privilege as "the fact of people with white skin having advantages in society that other people do not have."

But what about "birth privilege"? Would that not be defined then as "the fact of people who are allowed to be born having advantages in society that other people (those denied birth) do not have?"

Unlike 61 million babies, Sims was allowed to live and grow inside his mother's womb until he was ready to breathe his own air. He was small, vulnerable, completely dependent, and completely human right from the moment of conception when his unique combination of DNA, never to be repeated again, came into existence.

He didn't become human, like he didn't become white. He always was.

He wasn't his mother's body, some extension of her like a tooth or birthmark. He was, genetically, an entire different human being within her body. He was and is her child.

Everyday Sims enjoys the privilege of being born, enabling him to experience liberty and pursue happiness, to seek public office, to speak out for those he feels are under-represented. But not all are so lucky. Birth privilege is perfectly summed up in a now famous statement made by President Ronald Reagan: "I've noticed everyone who is for abortion has already been born."

Those with birth privilege are in the position of power and strength over the weak and defenseless, the pre-born. So doesn't that make abortion the ultimate form of bullying?

Sims, a former football player, a youngish lawyer, and an empowered public official, clearly bullies the lone, powerless, older woman. He berates her verbally, mocking her because of her age, race, and faith. He attacks her character by asking how many children she had clothed that day. He calls her a hypocrite. And when she tries to walk away without comment, he follows. And this blatant act of bullying was such a source of pride, he publicized it himself!

Of course, Sims is comfortable lording his physical presence and social status over someone less formidable



than he. After all, he advocates for abortion, which does the exact same thing: the strong and empowered refuse to recognize the dignity of those smaller and powerless, and they then proceed to destroy them.

Once we lose respect for the most vulnerable human life, it should come as no surprise that no one is off limits. Not babies. Not the elderly. Not innocent prayerful women. No one. Nothing is sacred.

We can only pray that Brian Sims, like many one-time abortion supporters, repents and has a conversion of heart. Perhaps then, he can use his birth privilege to make this world one in which no human life is ever again bullied to death.

- NRL News Today, May 8, 2019



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## Pro-Life Events 2019

**Father's Day Pen /Candy Sale:** Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Bus Trip Registration:** Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

**National Day of Remembrance:** Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Walk for Life:** Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Life Chain:** Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Pro-Life Luncheon:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

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# Legislative Update

## NRLC Expresses opposition to the Equality Act (H.R. 5)

*Editor's Note: This letter was sent on May 9 by NRLC*

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Dear Representative (last name):

Dear Member of Congress:

The House of Representatives is expected to take up the Equality Act (H.R. 5) next week.

H.R. 5 contains language that could be construed to create a right to demand abortion from health care providers, and likely would place at risk the authority of state and federal government to prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions.

Historically, when Congress has addressed discrimination based on sex, rules of construction have been added to prevent requiring funding of abortion or nullifying conscience laws. Unless such a rule of construction is added to the Equality Act, National Right to Life urges you to oppose the bill, and will include a House roll call on this measure in our scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 116th Congress.

Section 9 of the Equality Act would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by defining "sex" to include "pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition." It is well established that abortion will be regarded as a "related medical condition." See 29 C.F.R. pt. 1604 App. (1986) and *Doe v. CARS Protection Plus, Inc.*, 527 F.3d 358 (3d Cir. 2008).

H.R. 5 goes on to expand this anti-discrimination provision by stating that "pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition shall not receive less favorable treatment than other physical conditions," and would add "establishments that

provide health care" to the list of covered "public accommodations."

What these provisions will mean, taken together, is that health care establishments and individuals providing healthcare will be required to provide abortion as a "treatment" for pregnancy.

H.R. 5's new definition of "public accommodations" includes any "establishment that provides health care, accounting, or legal services." The bill has an additional rule of construction that the term "establishment" "shall be construed to include an individual whose operations affect commerce and who is a provider of a good, service, or program" and "shall not be construed to be limited to a physical facility or place." These provisions would apply to individual health care providers who object to abortion, including those with religious objections (indeed, the bill explicitly overrides the protections contained in existing federal law under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.).

These pro-abortion requirements may also apply to non-physical entities like federal and state governments that determine health care coverage under Medicaid. H.R. 5 does include a reference to Pub. L. 88-352, title VII, §7703, which prevents employers from being forced to offer abortion coverage. However, there is no language to thus protect individual health care providers. Also, there is no language applying to the authority of federal or state governments (non-physical entities) to prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions, as under the Hyde Amendment. The

pro-abortion National Partnership for Women and Families explains, “women would be able to challenge denials of reproductive health care.”

To summarize: The bill as written may be construed to create a right to demand abortion from health care providers and to destroy conscience protections for health care providers.

Again, unless a rule of construction is added to the Equality Act that would ensure that the legislation will not require funding of abortion or nullify conscience laws, National Right to Life urges you to oppose the bill, and will include a House roll call on this measure in our scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 116th Congress.

- NRL News Today, May 11, 2019.

## Words of Wisdom

By Dave Andrusko

**T**he wonders of the Internet and stories you’ve forgotten you saved hidden away on your hard drive.

I was researching my response to yet **another** puff piece hailing abortionist Willie Parker when I ran across a column I read awhile back. It was by Ross Douthat, a columnist for the New York Times, and the title of his superb piece was “Looking Away From Abortion.”

Bless his heart, Mr. Douthat began his column with an excerpt from an essay that appear in “Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery,” a magnificent book written by Dr. Richard Selzer published in 1976.

The title of the essay is “YOU SAW AND YOU KNOW.”

What Selzer saw is as good of an example of the shock of recognition as you will **ever** find. He tells us that after a garbage truck left his neighborhood, Dr. Selzer found “a foreignness upon the pavement.”

But the “it” is not an “it” at all. A bag containing the remains of aborted babies’ had fallen off the garbage truck and broken open. They had

*Accidentally got mixed up with the other debris instead of being incinerated or interred. “It is not an everyday occurrence. Once in a lifetime, he [the hospital director] says.”*

It was very important to the hospital director that Selzer understand what had happened - and to himself as well, it appears.

It mattered to him that Selzer know that “aborted fetuses that weigh one pound or less are incinerated. Those weighing over one pound are buried at the city cemetery.”

Why the need for the meticulous detail? Selzer speculates that it is an attempt to offer a rationale - an assurance - the contrary to your lying eyes, the world has not

gone crazy. The hospital director’s explanations are to assure us so that

*Now you see. It is orderly. It is sensible. The world is not mad. This is still a civilized society...*

But Selzer **did** see, in the only way that matters.

*“All at once you step on something soft. You feel it with your foot. Even through your shoe you have the sense of something unusual, something marked by a special ‘give.’ It is a foreignness up on the pavement. Instinct pulls your foot away in an awkward little movement. You look down and you see... a tiny naked body, its arms and legs flung apart, its head thrown back, its mouth agape, its face serious. A bird, you think, fallen from its nest. But there is no nest here on Wood side, no bird so big. It is rubber, then. A model. A joke. Yes, that’s it, a joke. And you bend to see. Because you must. And it is no joke. Such a gray softness can be but one thing. It is a baby, and dead.*

As he ponders what he has seen and heard - and what it means - Selzer concludes

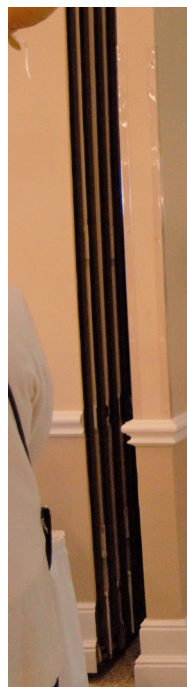
*“Now you see. It is orderly. It is sensible. The world is not mad. This is still a civilized society... But just this once, you know it isn’t. You saw, and you know.”*

And once you see and you know, you can never stop fighting to save unborn babies, their mothers, and our culture.

- NRL News Today, May 11, 2019



# Celebration of





# Life Dinner 2019





# LIFESPAN Chapter News

## THANK YOU

If you attended our May 7th dinner, you know outstanding it was. The almost 800 guests who attended heard Ashley Bratcher, the actress who portrays Abby Johnson in the movie UNPLANNED, speak about her personal journey to this role and how it changed her life. She was just great! A dinner like this does not just happen—it requires hours of time from our volunteers and staff and we would like to thank each and every one of them by name in this column. However, if we tried to do that, someone would be left off the list and not be recognized so here comes a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with anything—auction, raffle, greeting our guest, seating our guests, singing, praying, providing lovely music on the piano, helping some of us off and on the platform, making announcements, distributing resource books, “dressing” the tables, clearing those same tables, taking pictures, returning the vases and plants to the florist, and there is bound to be something not in this list but this is most of it. The

biggest thank you goes out to all of you who attended and made it the best dinner ever.

## 50th Anniversary

Dinner 29 is past and dinner 30 comes next May. That dinner will not only be the 30th annual dinner, but LIFESPAN will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. None of us thought we would still be working to protect the babies and their moms, but we will be and we will gather to remember, plan for the future and, most of all, celebrate the lives we have helped to save. So, we are asking for volunteers to serve on the 50th Anniversary Committee. We would like to have a dinner as grand and wonderful as this last on and we need your help!!

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## New Treasurer

Please welcome Ron Reed, our new Wayne County Chapter Treasurer. Thank You for stepping up and volunteering! Ron's experience in finance will be a great asset to the Chapter and LIFESPAN and is already paying great dividends. He has been able to help us get a working budget and find things that we can work on so we continue to function and keep our Chapter running.



## Our Garage Sale is complete!

Our garage sale is complete for this year. Thank God the weather held out and we were able to get this year in without a hitch. I can give you an estimate of \$2,500.00 profit. A Big Thank you to all the volunteers who pitched in to make this year's sale a success.

Special Thanks to Ray and Jane for the use of their yard, barn and garage. Also, Ann Marie, who work so hard coordinating all the functions and Pat H. for your scheduling. Thanks all who made purchases, which supports our Chapters work.

I will have a final report for Mother's Day next month along with Father's Day.




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## Wee Care

Good dads are hard to find - especially at Wee Care!

On a daily basis, we hear so much about the "biological father" who is abusive and whose wife has had to hide in a crisis center with her little ones -

- the fathers who are in prison or who chose not to have any contact with their children -
- the fathers whose children are living in homeless shelters because of his addictions & his inability to support them -
- a father who is strutting the halls of the local high school, bragging that three of his girlfriends are pregnant. So much heartbreak -

But then, there are the good dads!

- the dads who are trying -
- the dads who are working two jobs -
- the dads who want to break the vicious cycle of abandoning their children -

- the dads who have lost their jobs and just need a little temporary help.
- And in this "good dad" group are the wonderful, caring dads who consistently help our Wee Care Program.
- the dads who I can call at a moment's notice to pick up or drop off some baby supplies -
  - the dads who buy diapers when they are a good deal -
  - the dads who organize baby bottle collections, who lift the heavy packages and who load my car to capacity with baby items -
- for this and so much more, my gratitude is endless!

And finally, to all of our dads in our Wee Care Family-- fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers - may you have a Happy Father's Day - knowing how much you are appreciated, knowing what a wonderful example you are setting and especially knowing how very much you are loved!

God bless you all!  
Love, Karen

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## Youth Report

# Thank You!

On behalf of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Generation Truth, we extend a huge thank you to our young volunteers who assisted us on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the San Marino Club in Troy for our annual Celebrate Life Dinner, featuring speaker/actress, Ashley Bratcher who played Abby Johnson in the "Unplanned" film and had her own important life story to share with us that evening.

The tasks we asked the young people to help with that evening were an important part of making the LIFESPAN fundraiser a huge success! This was an historical evening

for LIFESPAN with almost 800 guests and the young people were there to make history with us! *Even when they didn't feel like they were helping much, they were!* Their willingness to be part of the evening and their youthful energy to serve LIFESPAN and our guests in whatever way we asked was important in and of itself! *I was personally so pleased and proud of all the volunteers in my observations of how everyone appeared, acted, and worked so well together to get things done! I also heard excellent feedback from many guests as to how special it was to have so many young people be a part of the event!*

If you have pictures to share with us from that special evening, we would like get them from you through email. Please send to the Main Office at [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org). With your permission, we would like to include pictures in a future LIFESPAN Newsletter and in our 2020 Resource Book.

Have a great rest of the month!

Love them both! Lynn Gura, Youth Director

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## Oakland/Macomb Chapter

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### Carnations

More "thank you"s are due to everyone who helped to put smiles on hundreds of faces on Mother's Day by helping to distribute our Mother's Day Carnations. We know it takes time away from your own Mother's Day celebrations but the pleasure a simple flower and a heartfelt "thank you" brings make it all worthwhile.

### Candy Bars

Don't think that we are going to leave all those wonderful Dad's out of the picture. We will be having candy bars for Father's Day again this year. Some dads golf, others play baseball, others enjoy a Sunday afternoon snooze but almost no dad can resist the aroma of a good candy bar. If you have not participated in this project before and would like to, call the office, 248-816-1546, and we can get you involved. One of the extra benefits of the candy bars is that there are usually a few bars leftover that make great snacks for those distributing the candy!!



### Donations have been made -

#### *In Memory of:*

**Richard Volpe**

Given by: Susan Almon Pesch

#### *In Honor of:*

**Merri Cullen**

Given by: Anne Dye

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by *LIFESPAN* in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... Send donations to your local *LIFESPAN* office.

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - *LIFESPAN* will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

## Walk For Life



**WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**TIME: 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

**WHERE: Sumac Pointe Pavilion  
Edward Hines Park, Livonia**

The Walk for Life is an easy way for people of all ages to get involved by actively demonstrating support for the Sanctity of human Life across the lifespan and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women and their babies.

It will take less than 90 minutes of your time, but its effect could literally last a lifetime!

Put your feet to your pro-life convictions and Walk for Life; you will directly help *LIFESPAN* advance its mission to impact and transform people with the love of life from conception until natural death.

Start collecting pledges of support from family and friends NOW! More information and pledge forms will be in a future newsletter and on our website: [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org)

We are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible!





## From the President's Desk

Dear Pro-life Friends and College,

I would like to thank all of you who helped to make our 2019 "Celebration of Life" Dinner such a big success.

Whether, you attended, gave to our auction, sent us a donation, words of appreciation are being sent to you.

My heart is full when I think of so many people who work and give of the treasurers year after year to help stop the erosion of respect for Gods children.

As you see by the photos in this issue our support for LIFE covers all age demographics of our society. This is what gives LIFESPAN and other organizations their strength. We had the old and the very young coming together supporting a philosophy that, God is the giver of LIFE and He is the only one who should decide when that life ends.

We came together to celebrate and support financially the biggest civil rights movement of our times – the prolife movement. Because of you, we will continue our youth activities, our Wee Care outreach program, and our general educational efforts. You all can be proud of the great work you have done and are doing.

Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup>. I pray that we will all be able to come together again and celebrate LIFESPAN.

Next Celebration of Life Dinner, 2020 will be the perfect event to shot from the roof top:

WE ARE STILL HERE AFTER 50 YEARS AND WE WILL BE HERE ANOTHER 50 IF NECESSARY. WHAT EVER IT TAKES TO STOP ABORTION, EUTHANASIA, AND INFANTICIDE. WE WILL NOT GIVE UP!!

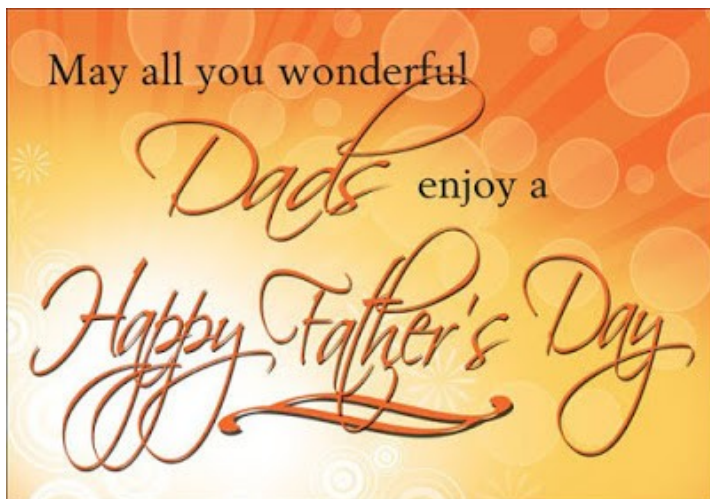
We are the civil rights movement of the 21<sup>st</sup> century!!

WE WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP. NOT UNTIL RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE, THROUGH

IT'S FULL SPAN OF LIFE, BE REVERED AND RESPECTED ONCE AGAIN.

May God give us the Courage!

– Diane Fagelman,  
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN



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DATED MATERIAL

## **Michigan Legislature votes to ban dismemberment abortion**

*By Stephen Kokx*

**T**he Republican-led Michigan State House and Senate voted to ban dismemberment abortions today.

House Bills 4320 and 4321 and Senate Bills 229 and 230 would modify the state's existing partial-birth abortion ban to include dismemberment abortions, often referred to as dilation and evacuation abortions.

Dismemberment abortion is one of the most common but also most gruesome second-trimester abortion procedures, as it involves ripping the arms and legs off an unborn baby's body with a pair of forceps. The bills include an exception if the mother's life is in danger.

The Senate voted 22-16 in favor of both bills, while the House voted 58-51 in favor. Every Democrat voted against banning dismemberment abortions.

If signed into law by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the legislation would make dismemberment abortion a felony. However, Whitmer has previously promised to veto pro-life laws that arrive at her desk, telling Planned Parenthood last month it has a "powerful backstop in a veto from my office."

"If she refuses to sign it, we'll find 400,000 people who will and bypass her veto!" Right to Life of Michigan vowed immediately following the vote.

Today's vote comes at a time when top Michigan Democrats have been ramping up their attacks on pro-life, pro-family values.

In March, state Attorney General Dana Nessel, a lesbian and feminist who has been accused of being anti-Catholic, announced that taxpayer-funded adoption agencies with religious objections to placing foster care children into homes of homosexual "married" couples will no longer be able to cite their faith as a legitimate reason to opt out of providing that service.

Nessel is also investigating the Michigan-based Church Militant website, a staunchly conservative Catholic organization, because the far-left Southern Poverty Law Center labeled them "anti-LGBT."

If Roe v. Wade were to be overturned, Nessel, who has added her name to a lawsuit challenging the legality of pro-life "heartbeat" legislation, has said she wouldn't enforce a state abortion ban.

House Bills 4320 and 4321 were approved by the Michigan House Judiciary Committee with a 7-5 vote. They previously passed the House's Families, Children, and Seniors Committee by a 5-4 margin on May 1. At that hearing, veteran pro-life activist Dr. Monica Miller, a Michigan resident, testified in support of the legislation. She also testified before the Senate.

Holding up photographs of dismembered babies to lawmakers, Miller said that the "cut-to-pieces" babies she found in trash bags in dumpsters behind abortion clinics on the state's east side were Michigan's "dark secret." Democrats serving on the committee did not ask Miller any questions during or after her testimony, despite aggressively challenging other pro-life experts who appeared in support of the legislation. Footage of Miller's powerful remarks has been viewed on YouTube more than 355,000 times.

In 2017, 1,777 dismemberment abortions took place in Michigan. Of those, 98 percent occurred in the second trimester, between 13 and 24 weeks of pregnancy. From 2013 to 2017, the state averaged 26,200 abortions per year.

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