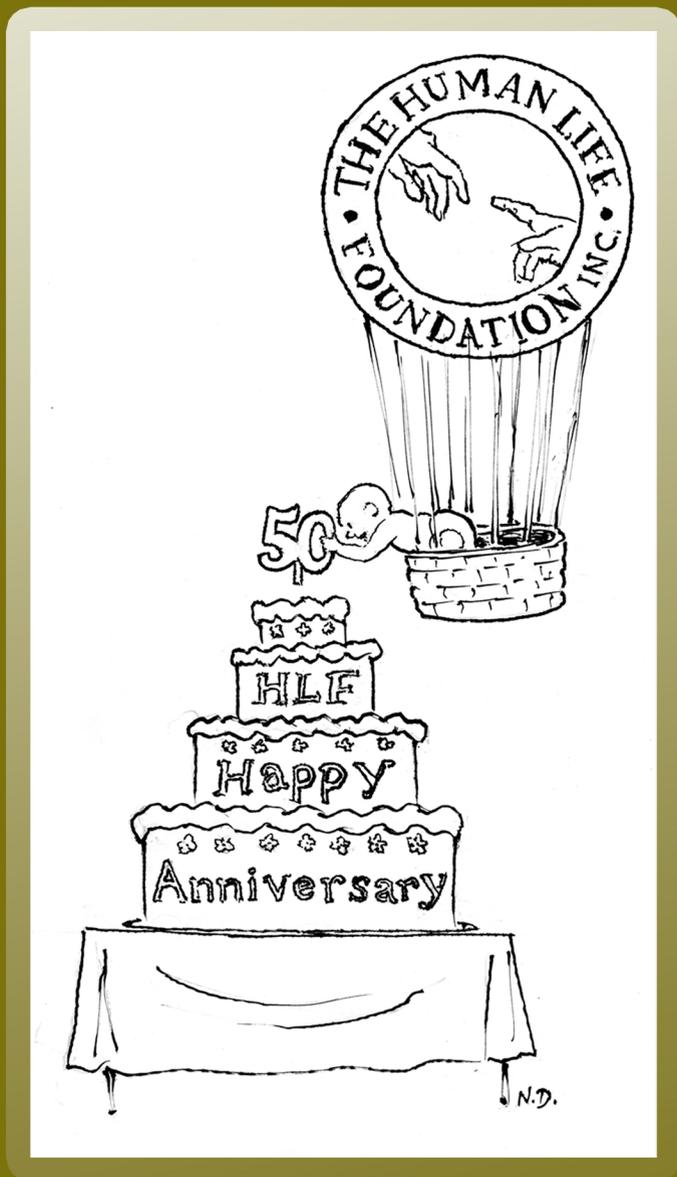


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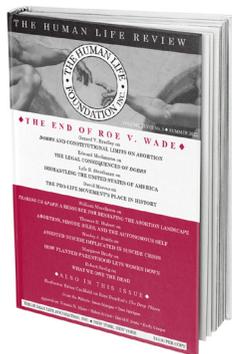
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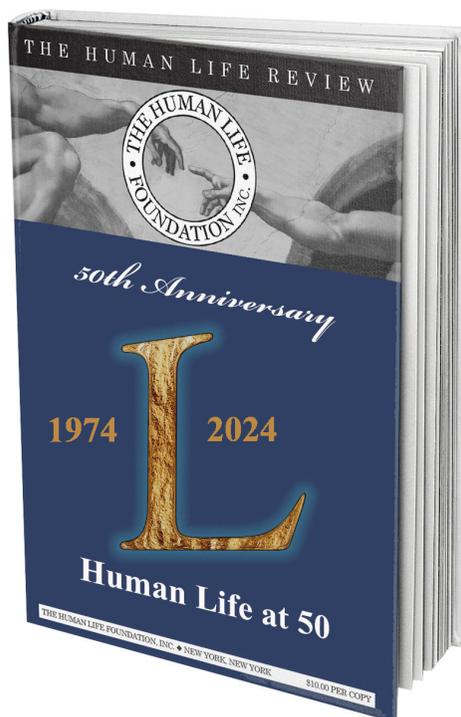
**Helen Alvaré** holds the Robert A. Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University. An internationally recognized scholar on issues of family law and church/state relations, and a passionate advocate for women and children, her latest book is *Religious Freedom after the Sexual Revolution: A Catholic Guide* (Catholic University of America Press). Professor Alvaré, a former spokesperson on pro-life issues for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, was hired by the late Cardinal John J. O'Connor. The Human Life Foundation named her a Great Defender of Life in 2019.

**Jack Fowler** is Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships at AmPhil (formerly American Philanthropic), a leading consultancy partnering with organizations committed to revivifying American civil society, and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Civil Society, where he writes the weekly Civil Thoughts newsletter. Mr. Fowler is also a Contributing Editor at *National Review*, where he worked for 31 years in various capacities, most recently as Publisher. An early managing editor of the *Human Life Review*, he served for over a decade on the Human Life Foundation's Board of Directors.

**Wesley J. Smith** is a Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute, where he chairs the Center on Human Exceptionalism and hosts its podcast Humanize. An international speaker and television, radio, and print commentator, Mr. Smith is the author of 14 books on subjects including euthanasia and assisted suicide, transhumanism, and human exceptionalism. His most recent publication is an updated and revised edition of *Culture of Death: The Age of "Do Harm" Medicine*, which warns of the dangers posed by today's bioethics movement. A regular contributor to the *Human Life Review* since 1992, he was named a Great Defender of Life in 2008.

**James McLaughlin** is a Senior Advisor at Lincolnshire Management, where he has served as a Managing Director and on the Operations Team. Prior to joining Lincolnshire in 2005, Mr. McLaughlin was a partner in the corporate department of the global law firm Pillsbury Winthrop LLP. He has over 40 years of experience in structuring, negotiating, and executing mergers, acquisitions, and leveraged buyout transactions across a broad range of financial services, consumer products, food products, manufacturing, and service industries. He is the current Chairman of the Human Life Foundation Board.

**Fr. Gerald Murray** is Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Yorkville, in New York City. He is a canon lawyer and guest commentator on religious news at several media outlets, including EWTN, where he appears on *The World Over with Raymond Arroyo* as a member of "The Papal Posse." Fr. Murray is also a regular columnist at theCatholicThing.org as well as a contributor to Pastoral Reflections, a weekly feature on Humanlifereview.com. His book *Calming the Storm: Navigating the Crisis Facing the Catholic Church and Society* (a conversation with Diane Montagna) was released in 2022. He joined the Board of Directors of the Human Life Foundation the same year.



## *About Our Chosen Heroes . . .*

**Dana Hendershott** is a former All-American college pitcher for the University of San Francisco's baseball team, and spent several years in the Los Angeles Dodgers minor leagues. He later enjoyed a long and successful career as an insurance executive. When he retired, Dana started as a volunteer at the Human Life Foundation in 2013, and soon became the beloved Coach of our team, advising us on financial and budgetary matters, as well as strategic planning. He joined the Board of Directors in 2104 and became Vice-Chairman in 2015.

**Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa**, writer, speaker, and activist, is the founder and president of New Wave Feminists (NWF), a consistent life organization that focuses on promoting non-violence from womb to tomb. In 2022, she co-founded, along with Karina Breceda, The Stellar Shelter, which serves pregnant women, migrant mothers and children, and vulnerable single women in the city of Juarez on the Texas-Mexico border. NWF then opened a generously gifted space on the El Paso side of the border, called Casa Maris, which serves as temporary emergency housing for pregnant women and their families.



*Dana, Maria, and Pat*

**John Hinshaw**, a lifelong advocate for the unborn, the homeless, and the mentally ill, was sentenced in May to 21 months in federal prison for participating in a 2020 rescue at the Washington DC abortion clinic of Cesare Santangelo. Hinshaw has worked in both volunteer and professional capacities for many pro-life organizations, including EMC Pregnancy Centers with the late Chris Slattery and Good Counsel Homes, where he served as vice president of operations from 2015-2019. His “Letter from Prison,” his statement to the court upon sentencing, is included in the *Human Life Review*’s current issue and on our website.

**Feminists Choosing Life of New York (FCLNY)** is a state-wide human rights coalition that embraces and promotes whole life feminism and the consistent life ethic. FCLNY’s public advocacy draws connections between the root causes of violence, inequality and the social forces that dehumanize. They accomplish their goals through seven bold initiatives: community encounters, scholarly events, film involvement, media outreach, grassroots campaigns, projects that empower, and legislative advocacy. FCLNY is headed by Executive Director Michele Sterlace, JD, LL.M.

**Kathryn Jean Lopez** is a senior fellow at National Review Institute, where she directs the Center for Religion, Culture, and Civil Society, and the religion editor of *National Review* magazine (where she has been on the editorial staff, including as editor of nationalreview.com, since 1997). A nationally syndicated columnist, she is published widely in Catholic and secular publications and is the author of *A Year with the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living* (Saint Benedict Press, 2019). Lopez currently serves as chair of Cardinal Timothy Dolan’s Pro-Life Commission in New York. At the opening Mass of the Year of Faith in Rome in October 2012, Pope Benedict XVI presented her with a message to women throughout the world.

**Patricia O’Brien** retired early from a career in computer programming and, in 2003, offered to volunteer at the Foundation, having been a *Review* subscriber for many years. She created a data program for our first Great Defender of Life dinner and has been running it ever since. She soon became a just-about-full-time member of the staff, contributing generously of her time and talents, including bolstering the *Review*’s editorial outreach. (And making sure our dinner guests receive chocolates every year.) Pat joined the Board of Directors in 2004, serving until 2021.

# *About the Human Life Foundation . . .*

**Founded in 1974**, the Human Life Foundation, Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization chartered specifically to promote—and to help provide—alternatives to abortion. The Foundation seeks to achieve its goals through educational and charitable means, and welcomes the support of all those who share its beliefs in the sacredness of every human life (however helpless or “unwanted”) and are willing to support the God-given rights of the unborn, as well as the aged, the infirm—all the living—whenever and wherever their right to life is challenged. All contributions to the Human Life Foundation are deductible from taxable income according to the Internal Revenue Code: Section 501(c)(3). The Foundation, which is chartered in the State of New York, is not affiliated with any other organization or group.

**Education:** Since 1975, the Human Life Foundation has published the *Human Life Review*, a quarterly journal focusing on abortion and a variety of other life-and-death issues. In 50 years of continuous publishing, the *Review* has compiled perhaps the most extensive record that exists of the abortion debate since *Roe v. Wade*. The entire archive is accessible online to subscribers at the Foundation’s website, [www.humanlifereview.com](http://www.humanlifereview.com), where one can also read the *Review*, up-to-date news, blogs, and Pastoral Reflections.

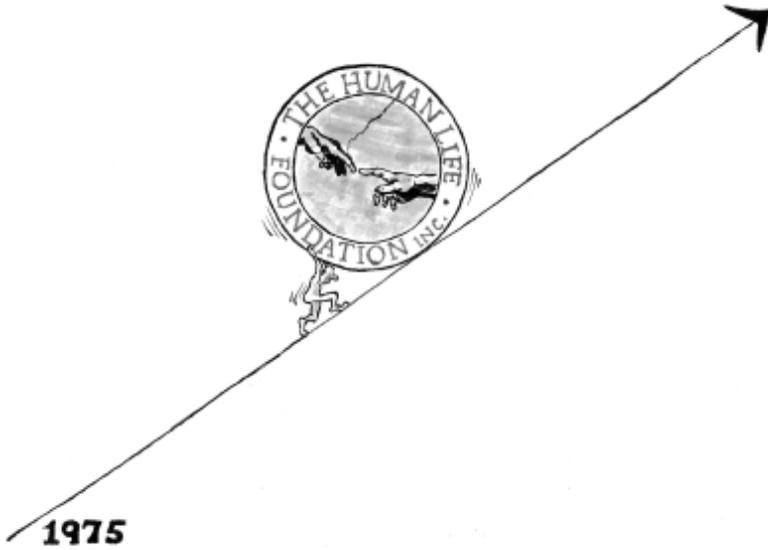
**Charitable Outreach:** The Human Life Foundation, from its beginning, has helped to support crisis pregnancy centers around the country through a Baby Saving matching-grant program. Contributions to the Foundation may be earmarked for this alone.



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## *About J.P. McFadden and the Human Life Foundation . . .*

**H**e had read about the founding of *National Review* while still in Germany, where he served in military intelligence after two years as a reporter for the *Youngstown Vindicator* following his graduation from Youngstown College. He was 24, middle-sized, brown-eyed, always with his horn-rimmed glasses and his pipe. He punctuated his conversation about the Soviet enterprise and creeping European socialism with cackles of laughter, which is what we all most missed when he lost his voice. Everything had its funny side, though he was never the dilettante: He was deadly serious, about his beliefs, about his family and his friends, his country and his faith.

—**William F. Buckley Jr. (1925-2008), HLR Godfather**

**I** know quite well that if Jim McFadden had wanted to, if he'd been out in any degree for himself, he could have easily accomplished any kind of worldly success in the profession of journalism in an editorial capacity. That he hasn't done that, that he has chosen to work for the *National Review*, that he has chosen to give a great deal of his time completely gratuitously to what is, I think we would all agree, the most urgent and important moral issue facing Western society, is something that should be recorded, something that is unusual, wonderful, inspiring to others.

—**Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990), HLR Editor at Large**

**W**hen *Roe v. Wade* was handed down on that fateful day in 1973, I remember vividly the outrage that Jim expressed, and the need to do something. So we repaired to our favorite little thinking spot—now remember I said thinking, not drinking—Pino's Restaurant. And over a glass of Chianti and a couple of bowls of linguine with red clam sauce, we finally decided to do what we did best, which was publish. The result of that meeting was *Lifeletter*, a four-page newsletter written by Jim with the object of keeping the pro-life issue alive in the media . . . Two years later the first issue of the *Human Life Review* was published. The *Review* had a different mission; to publish the most cogent arguments available in defense of life, knowing full well that the pro-abortion side couldn't do the same, because their position was intellectually indefensible.

—**Edward Capano, HLR Founding Publisher**

**I**t was a great office to be young in, full of high causes, encroaching deadlines, excruciating puns, and the need for instantaneous switching of Jim's many hats. There are too many to recall in any detail here. Jim's mind was fertile and energetic, he was a great tactician of causes, and so good a salesman that he could keep most of his good ideas afloat as long as they were producing results. Among the most prominent of his activities, in addition to home base, *National Review*, was

the Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life. Its briskly combative newsletter *Lifeletter* set out the latest exploits of “Battling Bob” Dornan, Henry Hyde and the yearly efforts to limit abortion funding in the Hyde Amendments, the struggle to enact a Human Life statute and the like. A slightly later incarnation, the National Committee of Catholic Laymen, had its own newsletter, *catholic eye*. And of course there was Jim’s crown jewel, the *Human Life Review*, which was dear to me too, not least because it was my first professional writing credit.

—Ellen Wilson Fielding, HLR Senior Editor, Great Defender of Life 2009

Now I had written for *National Review* under the superintending auspices of Priscilla Buckley for a number of years, and Jim had somehow cottoned to my writing and he called me up and as one newsie—that’s what we old newspapermen used to call ourselves—one newsie seems to know another, especially if we’re Celts, as Jim was and I am. Being a Scotch Irish, hard line, hard-nosed type from the western isles of Scotland, we bonded in a wonderful way over the many years. And I came not only to admire that man, but to love him profoundly for what he stood for, and for what he did. This was a man who built better than he might have imagined at the time he was building. So he—Jim—identified, to my mind, and increasingly this has been borne in upon me in all the decades since then—he identified the great civilizational question of our time: What is life, who is it for, who made it? The answer our society equivocates about, refuses to confront, specifically and intentionally, because it’s afraid it might get an answer it doesn’t like. And so Jim McFadden invited me into this civilizational warfare.

—William Murchison, HLR Senior Editor, Great Defender of Life 2009

Jim McFadden has given the cause of human life what it so badly wanted: a vigorous, articulate organ of opinion in which the many facets of the abortion issue could be analyzed and commented upon and debated. Abortion, and it has been apparent in the pages of this journal, is about as much a single-issue as a centipede is one-footed . . . I would compare [Jim] to Horace Greeley in providing a voice for a great cause neglected or caricatured in the establishment newspapers and journals. I would compare him, except that he has a stability and a modesty and a sense of human limitation which Greeley did not possess.

—John T. Noonan, Jr., (1926-2017), HLR Editor at Large

The only way I could have been at his Funeral Mass would have been to absent myself from another Mass reflective of everything he lived for. He would not only have objected, he would have censured me in his beloved *Human Life Review*. That is the quarterly publication Jim McFadden edited, arguably the finest collection of articles and commentaries on human life to appear anywhere in any language. The Mass I was already committed to celebrate on the day and at the very hour of his funeral liturgy was a Pro-Life Mass for high-schoolers. That is precisely what he would want me to be doing.

—Cardinal John J. O’Connor (1920-2000), HLR Patron Saint

As I sit to write this Introduction, my first, there is certainly sadness. I wish my father were here to write it, as always, pounding away at his Royal typewriter, passing each completed page of copy out for us to read, proof, and typeset. I do miss him; in ways I don't have the words to describe. But I also have a great sense of gratitude and pride, and a welcome feeling of purpose: it's up to those of us who are here to ensure that the important work of J.P.'s beloved Foundation and *Review* will continue, as we are sure it will, into the next century.

—**Maria McFadden Maffucci, HLR Editor in Chief (Editor 1999-2019)**

## ***Our Great Defenders of Life—in their own words . . .***

When a member of our Foundation's Board "challenged" us with a suggestion that we host an Event—a fundraiser that would also introduce new people to the *Human Life Review*, perhaps an Award Dinner honoring someone who'd helped the pro-life cause—our first reaction was, well, trepidation. A good idea, we thought, but how can we "do" a Dinner? So few of us, so many deadlines. We don't have the time or the know-how, etc. But then we thought of Congressman Henry Hyde, whom our founder (and my husband) J.P. McFadden had dubbed "the Generalissimo"—surely Jim would want him honored for his eloquent defense of life? And wouldn't Jim also want to thank all those who had continued his legacy—and wouldn't we want to honor Jim, too? So—in due course—we rose to the challenge and decided upon a date: October 17th, 2003, exactly the fifth anniversary of Jim's death.

—**Faith Abbott McFadden (1931-2011), HLR Co-founder and Senior editor**

I want to salute every one of you here for your membership in the greatest organization in the world, the pro-life movement. You know why it's great? *No self-interest*. Most groups look for shorter workweeks, wider sidewalks, no hammerhead sharks in the district—all sorts of things. But the pro-life movement has no self-interest. It hurls itself on the battlements because it wants to defend the most helpless and vulnerable of God's creatures. Henry Adams, when he visited the Cathedral at Chartres said, "it embodies the noblest aspirations of mankind; the reaching up to Infinity." That's what the pro-life movement does.

—**Henry Hyde, Politician, Great Defender of Life, 2003**

Faith and Maria have made it their mission to continue the work that Jim had launched, and which they helped him sustain. They've done it so handsomely; they've been really preeminent figures of this movement. It's a bit curious then, and a little awkward, I must say, to be receiving an award at their hands when they clearly have the premier claim to receive awards at the hands of this family.

—**Hadley Arkes, Professor and Author, Great Defender of Life 2004**

When Maria first called me with this stunning designation, I soon thought of a truly great Defender of Life whom I was privileged to know, first as a reporter,

and then as a friend: John Cardinal O'Connor. Before he came to New York from Scranton, he received some of the most vicious newspaper editorials, particularly one in the *New York Times* which castigated him for having the appalling taste to use “holocaust” and “abortion” in the same sentence. And then, Gloria Steinem told *New York Magazine* that the two worst things that had happened in New York in recent years were AIDS and John O'Connor. So when I first went to meet him to start doing the profile for the *New Yorker*, I thought I owed it to him as a member of the predatory press to tell him where I was coming from. And I told him what Wesley just said, I said I am a Jewish, atheist, civil libertarian, prolifer. He asked me to repeat that. And he took out a pen. I think he thought he had discovered a new sect.

—**Nat Hentoff, Journalist and Author (1925-2017), Great Defender of Life 2005**

**B**ut I always remember Jim McFadden’s wonderful words, what he said when he told me, “The cause of the unborn came to us. We didn’t seek it out. And we must accept what comes to us and do our best with it.” And that has often been a guiding light for me, throughout my life.

—**Mary Kenny, Journalist and Author, Great Defender of Life 2006**

**T**he *Human Life Review* and its legendary great founder Jim McFadden, and, of course, his wonderful wife Faith, established a flagship of thought and reason for the culture of life. I remember the excitement when the first issue rolled off the press some thirty years ago, and I read it from cover to cover.

—**Rep. Chris Smith, Politician, Great Defender of Life 2007**

**I**ndeed, I’ve come to believe that the most important question of the twenty-first century is: Does human life have intrinsic value, ultimate value, simply and merely because it is human? In other words, do our rights, and does our value come simply with the package of being human, or do we have to earn them? As Peter Singer might say, as first exposed in the *Human Life Review* many years before he was even a dark cloud on the horizon, do we have to earn it by possessing certain attributes?

—**Wesley J. Smith, Journalist and Author, Great Defender of Life 2008**

**I**n Oregon, assisted suicide is considered a normal sort of thing, a common sort of thing. Somewhat like what Hannah Arendt called the banality of evil; once it becomes common and normal, it is so banal, but it is so evil. And that’s what we’re leaving for our children and grandchildren if we don’t stop this. We are going from a situation where, initially, we were horrified by assisted suicide, but then tolerated it and, finally, to accepting it. We are moving to a time, in the not too far distant future, where people may feel guilty for not choosing assisted suicide.

—**Rita Marker, Great Defender of Life 2008**

**I** remember especially our Founding Editor Jim McFadden, who called me nearly thirty years ago to request permission to reprint something I’d written. That was the beginning of a long and very happy association with Jim and his family,

including Jim and Faith's son, the late Robert McFadden, who headed the Ad Hoc Committee for some years in the Washington office. Like his father, Robert had a great love of life and was valiant in its defense.

—**Mary Meehan, Senior Editor, Great Defender of Life 2009**

**T**here is so much noise. Yes, difficulties and uncertainties in our lives, in our communities, in our service, in our policy and—Heaven knows!—our politics. But then there also sits the *Human Life Review*, calmly and clearly, thoroughly and compellingly laying out the damage that a Culture of Death does and highlighting compassionate and vigilant beacons for life in our midst.

—**William McGurn, Journalist, Great Defender of Life 2010**

**T**here is something about the miracle that is life, and the moral imperative to respect that dignity . . . that in the end will not be denied. Whether the issue is civil rights in the middle years of the 20th Century or abortion and euthanasia today, a still small voice keeps asking: Whose side are you on? That of life or of death? And commands: *Uvacharta b'chayim*. Choose Life. Not just at the beginning but at the end. For beware: You start off opposing abortion and pretty soon you'll be expressing doubts about infanticide and euthanasia, too. One thing leads to another. One realization, one moment of connection, one little detail in a news story, and the light will come on. Be careful. That's all it may take.

—**Paul Greenberg, Journalist (1937-2021), Great Defender of Life 2011**

**O**n a few occasions I have been in a position to speak out against the abomination of abortion, but so many others have done so much more to champion the pro-life cause over the almost four decades that have passed since *Roe v. Wade*. To cite just one example, consider the members of the remarkable McFadden family. The Human Life Foundation's founder, founding father Jim, his extraordinary wife and collaborator, Faith, and now their daughter Maria; how for 37 years their journal has provided the moral and intellectual ammunition that has sustained the tens of thousands who have been manning the human life barricades year in and year out.

—**James Buckley, Politician and Judge (1923-2023), Great Defender of Life 2012**

**I**n preparing for tonight, I came across one of Senator Buckley's floor speeches and was struck in particular by these lines: "To enter the world of abortion on request is to enter a world that is upside down: It is a world in which black becomes white, and right wrong, a world in which the powerful are authorized to destroy the weak and defenseless, a world in which the child's natural protector, his own mother, becomes the very agent of his destruction." Many of you here tonight have been in the trenches for years in this currently upside down world . . . but you have been more than that—you have been lights—beacons of hope—witnesses for what is just for a generation that has grown up never knowing what it was like to live in a country where abortion-on-demand was not the law of the land.

—**Kellie Fiedorek, Lawyer, accepting 2012 Great Defender of Life Award  
for Advocates for Life**

Why was I thunderstruck, astonished, staggered, stymied, and buffaloed by this honor? Because my wife and I have come to these dinners for a number of years now and have seen and heard the honorees in all those years. We have seen and heard Nat Hentoff, Bill McGurn, and Rita Marker and others, and to be in any way included in that august company is a bit more than we can bear, quite honestly.

—Eric and Suzanne Metaxas, Author, Pregnancy Center Director, Great Defenders of Life 2013

I remember when I was in college and first learned about the *Human Life Review*. What a boost you all were to a college student, scouring the internet for timely, persuasive, and scholarly articles to use in her research papers. I want to thank Maria and the entire Board at *Human Life Review* for this honor tonight. It means so much to me that our “behind the scenes” work at Students for Life has not gone unnoticed by such an influential organization as yours.

—Kristan Hawkins, Activist, Great Defender of Life 2014

When I started at AUL in 1985, the *Human Life Review* was my teacher. It educated me about the history of the pro-life movement. In the pages of the *Human Life Review*, you can live the obstacles and opportunities of the pro-life movement, the defeats and victories, the strategies, and the highs and lows of the cause for life in America over the past 40 years. The *Human Life Review* is the most thoughtful journal in the country focused on protecting human life. . . . But the *Human Life Review* is also more than that. It’s the historian of the cause for life in America. It’s a chronicler of events and a preserver of essential documents.

—Clarke Forsythe, Lawyer and Author, Great Defender of Life 2013

John Newton was blind when he was a Christian, because he was just following the conventions of his day. But things turned around for him and the man who was responsible for trading slaves wrote the greatest hymn of freedom that our country has ever known. I think the same is true here as we continue to be able to change hearts and minds through the *Human Life Review*, which has been the intellectual engine of the life movement since 1974.

—Micheal Flaherty, Filmmaker, Great Defender of Life 2015

We have to start electing and supporting those pro-life individuals regardless of their political affiliation. We should do it. We could do it. We must do it. Let’s keep up the fight!

—Rev. Ruben Diaz Sr., Politician, Great Defender of Life 2015

Mother Teresa told us we should fight abortion with adoption, and everyone who would reduce abortion should commit to helping women in crisis pregnancies and by supporting adoption. In my book, *A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World*, I mentioned that years ago Dorian and I brought into our home a young unmarried pregnant girl who lived with us throughout her

pregnancy and who we helped place her child with a loving Catholic couple through a private adoption. What I did not mention in the book was that the individual who assisted in that private adoption by finding the adopting couple was Jim McFadden.

—**Carl Anderson, Lawyer and Author, Great Defender of Life 2016**

**M**y candidacy, whether it was for the Senate or the presidency of the United States, has been called, on more than one occasion, an offense to women, an insult to women. Because, of course, part of this narrative is “if you are pro-life, you must be against women.” Of course, the people who say that ignore the fact that the vast majority of abortions around the world are of females, not males; that, in fact, the very reason for abortion in so many parts of the world is simply gender.

—**Carly Fiorina, Politician, Great Defender of Life 2017**

**T**he denial of truth is certainly not a new phenomenon. But in the communication age, it is spreading like a virus and is having a corrosive effect on society on all levels—from our public institutions down to our own individual lives. Truth is on trial, and the vulnerable are at risk. In reality, we are all at risk.

—**Edward Mechemann, Lawyer, Great Defender of Life 2018**

**I** began writing for newspapers in 1994, and I was wondering when I began writing for the *Human Life Review*. You say it was March of 1995, so that was only about a year after I began writing. I’d only seen the *Review* maybe a couple of years before that because of course this was before the internet. In Ireland, you didn’t get many opportunities to come across journals like the *Human Life Review*, but I remember walking into the main pro-life office in the country at that time and I saw a copy of it, and I said this is a fantastic magazine, a fantastic journal. I didn’t dream that only a few months later I’d be writing for it.

—**David Quinn, Journalist, Great Defender of Life 2018**

**W**e are always in the midst of environments where we are made to feel stupid, anti-intellectual, that our position is absolutely an impossibility for people with our background or education or in the milieu where we are traveling. But the *Human Life Review* lets us all know that we’re in the company of friends, even when we don’t have the privilege of being together like we are tonight. And we are so grateful for it. Despite the fact that I’m out there all the time . . . despite the fact that I’m regularly out in media and academic circles, I find myself in desperate need of being reminded constantly that our cause is smart—because I’m being told constantly that our position is anti-intellectual, it’s anti-feminine, etc.—I’m in constant need of the kind of arguments and people and language and logic and genius that are printed in the *Human Life Review*.

—**Helen Alvaré, Professor of Law, Great Defender of Life 2019**

**W**hen I became editor of the *National Review* way back in 1998, I was 29 years old, and very often when I would show up at the office there would be a typewrit-

ten letter or memo left on my desk from Jim McFadden. He was suffering from a very grave illness at the time. One of the great things about being young is that you're young; one of the downsides is that you're clueless. So I didn't think very much about his references to not being able to sleep, and that this was why he had the time to write these letters. Also, I didn't really think very much about why he, suffering at three in the morning, would write a 29-year-old he didn't know these long memos about conservatism, about principles, about *National Review*—about its history and about how to deal with Bill Buckley. It just spoke to a deep commitment to mentorship and to the cause that Jim represented. One that you, Maria, and your whole family and your whole team continue to represent.

—**Rich Lowry, Journalist, Great Defender of Life 2019**

**S**o I worked on *Veep*, and I played—do you know the show? Do you watch the show? They're not good, not nice people. But they're well-drawn characters. They're really funny, and they reflect on our political condition. So because of my social media, they know I'm pro-life. The show's liberal and democratic, and I am pulling for my Democrats for Life friends. But these are not they. So, when I went to work for them, it was, again, hail-fellow well-met. Here's the material, let's get to work. You are one of us. Let's go. Your opinions are welcome. In my experience, there has been no prejudice because I'm pro-life.

—**Margaret Colin, Actress, Great Defender of Life 2021**

**I**n 2013 major media had another chance to take abortion seriously. Jurors, after a lengthy trial, convicted Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell for murdering just-born babies. The evidence of killing tiny humans with scissors following botched abortions was grisly, but the Media Research Center found that during the 55 days of the trial, ABC ran 70 segments on shocking criminal cases but nothing on Gosnell . . . Abortion ideology overrules opportunities for dynamic street level reporting. But it also shames our entire crazy culture.

—**Marvin Olasky, Journalist and Author, Great Defender of Life 2021**

**A**t any moment since January 22, 1973, you could easily have found five constitutional lawyers willing to overrule *Roe v. Wade*. The trick has been to get them onto the Supreme Court. That took a mass, grassroots movement, comprised of courageous and faithful people, forceful and even uncompromising, wholly dedicated to life. It was not their jobs. It was their way of being Good Samaritans, without recompense or recognition at least in this life. As a matter of fact: They—we—have accomplished something that no other country in the world has accomplished. Everywhere else on planet Earth where abortion sunk its tentacles into a legal culture, it never let go. Our law and our cultural elites swallowed abortion hook, line, and sinker a half century ago. But the American people spit it back out!

—**Gerard Bradley, Professor of Law, Great Defender of Life 2022**

**Y**our support is so appreciated, because I can tell you firsthand that working in the frontlines is—it can be very isolating. And very difficult, in the sense of day in and day out seeing women in difficult pregnancies, seeing how real the threat of abortion is in their lives, and seeing why they even consider abortion in the first place. It’s kind of easy to get caught in that darkness of “Oh, my gosh, this city is steeped in sin and darkness, and is there hope for these women?” And even when you are counseling them, you realize that you’re probably the only voice in their life telling them, “You can keep this baby, you can do this.”

—**Nicole Moore, Director, accepting 2022 Great Defender Award for Pregnancy Help**

**W**e finally did prevail in *Scheidler*—the article is in the *Human Life Review*. Thank you for publishing it. And it’s the short version; the long version went on for 28 years. We lost. The lessons are great: persistence, persistence—we won. We finally got the case thrown out of court on grounds that were obvious after five years. It was affirmed on appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, but oh, heavens, the Supreme Court granted review on the RICO case. We lost 9 to nothing. We didn’t give up; it went back down. It was a tough time, and we kept on. We went through a big trial. Racketeering charges were added. Imagine, people at the ABA convention I used to attend would say, “Well, what kind of law do you do?” I said I’m from Chicago, I do racketeering law. And heavens, well, we won—we won 8 to 1. And then, my God, the lower court tried to overturn the Supreme Court. People look at me like I’m making something up. It’s true.

—**Thomas Brejcha, Lawyer, Great Defender of Life 2023**

**F**or 49 years and counting, the *Human Life Review* has been the leading voice in defense of the unborn and their mothers, and I am proud to have been associated with it for 27 of those years. All of us are so very grateful to Maria McFadden Maffucci, Anne Conlon, and their dedicated team for the wonderful work they have been doing all these years. Because that work and those efforts have borne fruit. At one stroke, on one day, in June of 2022, the Supreme Court finally relinquished the power it had seized nearly half a century earlier: It now put the issue of abortion squarely into the hands of Congress and our state legislatures. Abortion is no longer a constitutional right. It can be a right under state law, but it’s not welded any longer to our beloved Constitution.

—**George McKenna, Professor of Political Science, Great Defender of Life 2023**

## *Meet Our Staff*



### ***Ida Paz, Assistant Editor***

Ida Paz, the *Review's* production assistant, started as a volunteer at the Human Life Foundation in the summer of 2016. She began working part-time in 2017, assisting in an HLF project that continued on through 2018. She became a full-time employee in 2019. Ida graduated with a degree in banking and finance. This led to various jobs in the banking industry, a quasi-government fundraising charitable agency, and medical office administration. Her volunteer services have included parish council, teacher's aide, school PTA and CCD.

### ***Rose Flynn DeMaio, Financial Director and Board Treasurer.***

Rose Flynn DeMaio, a graduate of New York University with a BS in Accounting, was employed with J.P. McFadden at *National Review* when he founded the Human Life Foundation. Believing in J.P.'s ability to bring intelligent information to the public, she became the Foundation's independent accountant. After her retirement from *National Review*, she became the Foundation's Financial Director and Board Treasurer.

### ***Christina Angelopoulos, Managing Editor/IT Director***

Christina Angelopoulos (nee McFadden), is the managing editor of the *Review*. The fifth child of J.P. and Faith McFadden, she began working full-time for the Human Life Foundation in 2003. She has since worked to expand the Foundation's

technology, operations efficiency, archive organization, and social media presence. A graduate of Fordham University, Mrs. Angelopoulos lives in Westchester with her husband and twin girls, and also sings professionally in Manhattan.

### ***Maria Maffucci, Director***

Maria McFadden Maffucci is editor in chief, since 2020, of the *Human Life Review*; she was editor (1998-2020), executive editor (1996-1998), and managing editor (1990-1996). Mrs. Maffucci was previously managing editor of the monthly journal *First Things* (1989-1990); and of the quarterly *This World* (1988-1989). Mrs. Maffucci's articles and reviews have appeared in the *Human Life Review*, *National Review* and *NRO*, *First Things*, *Newsmax*, the *Catholic Herald*, *America*, and *Verily*. In February of 2021, she was interviewed on Fox and Friends and CBS after she exposed Governor Andrew Cuomo's deadly COVID policies for the developmentally disabled in group homes. David Marcus named her in *The Daily Wire* as one of the "15 Pro-Life Heroes Who Brought Us the Overturn of Roe vs. Wade." A Holy Cross graduate with a BA in Philosophy, she is married to Robert E. Maffucci, and the mother of three children.

### ***Anne Conlon, Editor***

Anne Conlon has been managing editor, and recently editor, of the *Human Life Review* for going on three decades, during which time she has edited several collections of essays from the *Review's* archives, most recently *The Reach of Roe: Eugenics, Euthanasia, and Other Assaults on the Dignity of Human Life* (2013). Before that she worked for 12 years as a bona fide Mad Woman, that is, as an advertising copywriter on Madison Avenue. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in 1976 with a BA in English.

*Prior Recipients of the Great Defender of Life Award*

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“Being without theology isn’t the slightest hindrance to being pro-life. As any obstetrics manual—Williams Obstetrics, for example—points out, there are two patients involved [in prenatal care], and the one not yet born ‘should be given the same meticulous care by the physician that we long have given the pregnant woman.’ Nor, biologically, does it make any sense to draw life-or-death lines at viability. Once implantation takes place, this being has all the genetic information within that makes each human being unique. And he or she embodies continually developing human life from that point on. It misses a crucial point to say that the extermination can take place because the brain has not yet functioned or because the thing is not yet a ‘person.’ Whether the life is cut off in the fourth week or the fourteenth, the victim is one of our species, and has been from the start.”

—**Nat Hentoff**

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—Arthur Ashe



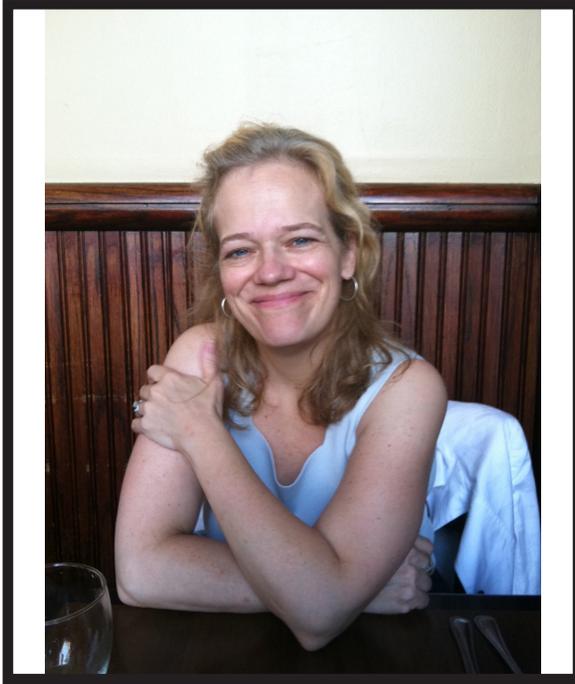
*Dana and his son Jonathan at a Great Defender of Life Gala in 2015*

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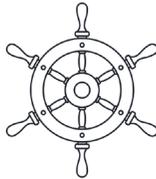
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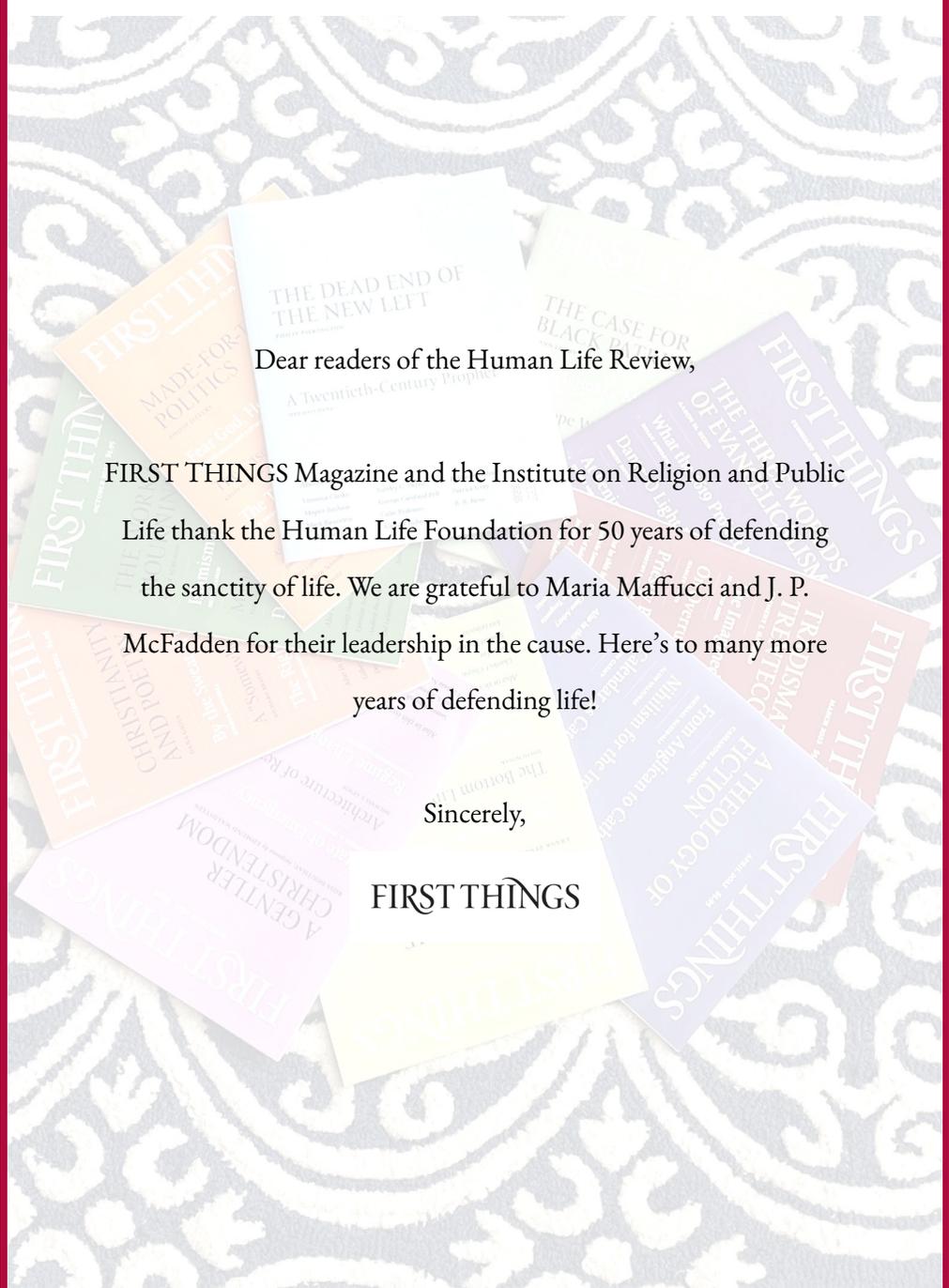
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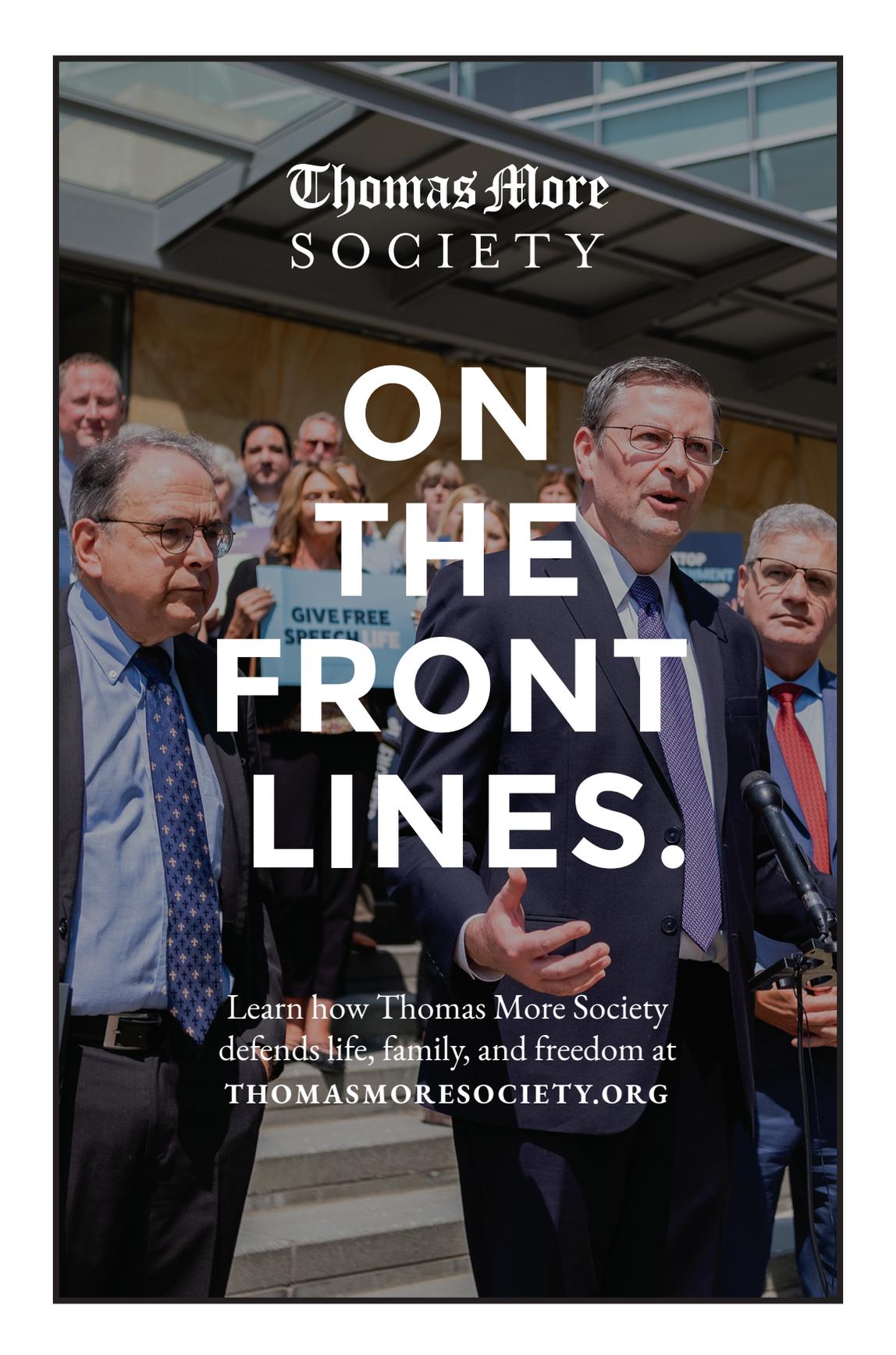


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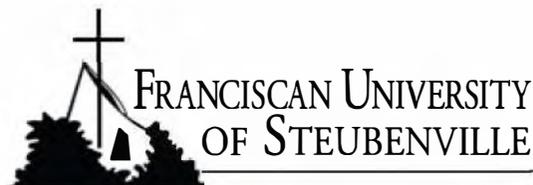
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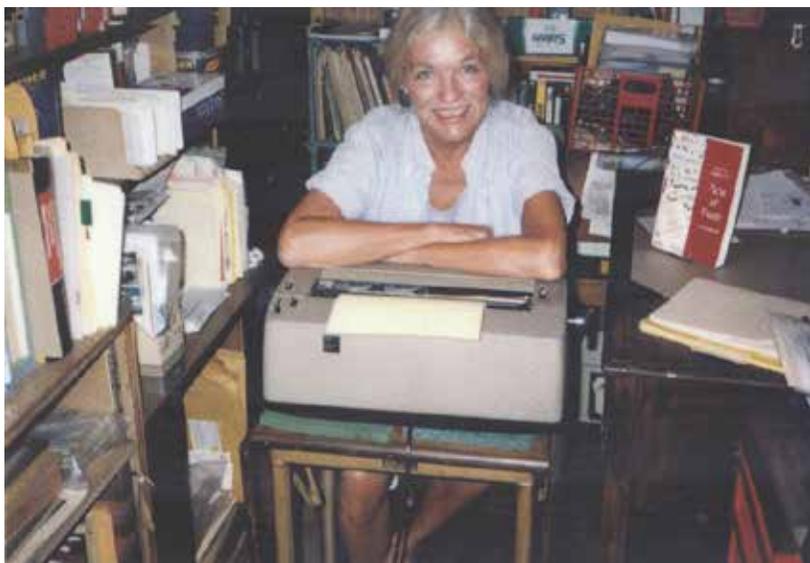
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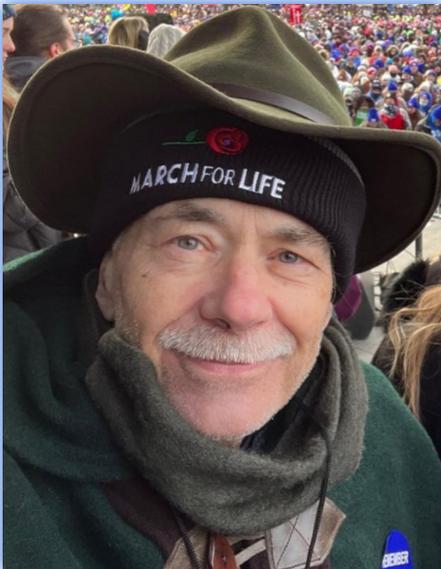
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**The Gifts We Give**



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*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
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