Legalized Abortion: "The greatest human genocide in the history of humanity." – Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.)

A Good Afternoon to you and to each of my esteemed listeners. Welcome to EWTN's Open Line Tuesday edition! Barbara McGuigan here, alive and grateful to be your host each Tuesday, as well as each Saturday on The Good Fight.

I'm especially filled with gratitude for all the prayers and acts of kindness that my family and I have received upon the death of my great Dad, Jim Thornbury. Besides being a great Dad to us 11 kids, he was also a great husband to our Mom, Jeanne. And Daddy was a great Catholic and a great American.

Honestly, I can say with all certainty that your prayers are what enabled my sweet Mom and all of us to graciously give our Dad back to God. We all gallantly made it through a most beautiful Rosary, the Mass of Christian Burial and an amazing eulogy of Daddy by our son, Christian. After a consoling reception with so many friends and family, we experienced a gentle breeze as Mother Church was still present as we buried our Dad under a huge oak tree that will always provide shade for him under the noonday sun. That is where his mortal remains will wait for Our Lord to come again in glory, which will be His glory and ours! So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, especially to EWTN for a Mass for Dad, and to all my co-workers for the consolation and prayers and even gorgeous roses they so generously bestowed upon me and my family. You won't find a better bunch of souls than those who work at EWTN TV and Catholic Radio!

God's airwaves are open. Here are the numbers to call...

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Before Daddy died, I listened to an amazing webcast put on by the Family Research Council with young pro-life leader Lila Rose. I've spoken to Lila a couple of times and we're still trying to get a good date for her to go a few rounds with me on The Good Fight! As you may know, Lila has been very busy.

Lila and a group she founded, Live Action, once again have exposed Planned Parenthood, in a shocking way, to be what it has always been, a sleazy, anti-life, anti-love, anti-God, anti-family juggernaut that spreads its tentacles all over the world. This time, Lila and Live Action have conducted an undercover sting operation to show just exactly how Planned Parenthood is involved in the "despicable act of aiding and abetting sex trafficking and prostitution of girls as young as 14."

It is an established fact that approximately 300,000 children are being exploited in the sex trafficking business.

How did Lila and Live Action accomplish what Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey has said law enforcement has failed to do? Undercover videos were made in a sting at Planned Parenthood abortion mills. Live Action's latest investigation focused on staff at PP in New Jersey, New York, Virginia and the District of Columbia, actually seven clinics in those areas, where staff allegedly cooperated with people they thought were sex traffickers seeking treatment, including abortions, for their child sex slaves. At multiple locations, PP workers had no problem secretly working with what they thought were individuals exploiting child prostitutes.

If you haven't seen them already, you can watch these repulsive and sick undercover videos at www.youtube.com/LiveActionFilms.

Federal law is clear: "Sex trafficking of minors is a federal crime and punishable by imprisonment for 10 years to life." (18 U.S. Code 1591) Additionally, "any person who aids abets or counsels a federal crime to be committed may be punished as if they had committed the crime themselves." (18 U.S. Code 2)

Yesterday, on Saint Valentine's Day, many people all over the country, led by David Bereit and Lila Rose, and many pro-life organizations, armed with all this information, held a Vigil for Victims of child sex slavery from noon to 1:00. Why?

According to PP's latest annual report, the organization took in a record $363 MILLION in taxpayer funding from government grants and contracts, including funds from the federal Title X Family Planning, for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. As if that wasn't enough, PP's national president Cecile Richards then had the audacity to send out an urgent appeal for pro-aborts to contact Congress – so Planned Parenthood can rake in even MORE of your hard-earned tax dollars! Don't forget – PP has recently reported aborting 324,000 babies in the year 2008.

Remember a few weeks ago when we discussed the West Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell? In their abortion chamber "House of Horrors," as a district attorney calls it, Gosnell and his employees killed late-term babies, including, it is charged, after they were born; and at least one mother, it is charged, died at Gosnell's hands. Well the National Abortion Federation, NAF, is already reeling from Gosnell's scandal because they knew what this man and his staff were doing and didn't report it! Troy Newman of Operation Rescue has written:

> The NAF has a long history of harboring among the worst abortionists in the nation, including convicted rapist Brian Finkel, who is serving a 35 year sentence for sexually assaulting dozens of his patients, Steven Brigham, who was recently caught operating an illegal late-term abortion racket in Maryland where he has no license, and Malachy DeHenre, who killed an abortion patient and was later convicted of murdering his wife.

Brothers and sisters, where are the federal authorities in all this? Does anyone really think we'll ever see a legitimate, hard-hitting investigation of the grisly abortion business, including PP and the NAF?

And do you expect to hear any of this in the mainstream media? CBS Evening News finally reported the video sting on Feb. 8th. NBC and ABC, as you might expect still ignore. Brent Bozell, NewsBusters publisher and Media Research Center president, commented:

> The same gaggle of broadcast TV watchdogs which has mustered endless outrage over the notion that the Catholic Church would fail to alert authorities about sexual abuse of minors is utterly uninterested in the sexual abuse of minors when someone more pleasing to secular progressives – like the abortion factory of Planned Parenthood – is caught on camera.

Bingo! Time to really get on our knees, brothers and sisters. The "evil empire" has over $1 billion dollars in assets. Every intellectually honest person knows this undeniable fact: the same young high-school and college girls who frequent PP to get their contraceptives and condoms are the same young girls who make a beeline to PP's abortuaries to abort their babies when their contraception fails, as it inevitably does. Contrary to Planned Parenthood's lies, contraception does *not* reduce the number of babies aborted – it *increases* the abortion death toll, and even many pro-abortion, pro-contraception people have admitted that truth.

We must defund the demonic agenda of this organization. Satan knows that when contraception is secure, so will abortion be secure. If you're going to kill a vampire, you must drive a wooden stake through its heart. The heart of the abomination of abortion is contraception.

So as you might expect, California Catholic Daily writes how:

> U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi, self-described as an "ardent, practicing Catholic," described, according to the Washington Post, the GOP push as the 'most radical assault' on women's reproductive rights 'in our lifetimes...They are at a different philosophical place, she said, [wrongly] characterizing the GOP's view as: 'all engagement has to result in a child.' She noted that contraception and family planning are 'not consistent with their belief that it's all about procreation."

My brothers and sisters, we must pray for this poor woman. She intends to fight what she considers an "extreme agenda", H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and H.R. 358 the Protect Life Act. California Catholic Daily adds:

> As you may remember, Archbishop Niederauer personally counseled Pelosi about her views on abortion and other moral issues. Pelosi revealed she had no intention of changing her opinions, regardless of the archbishop's advice. "I have some concerns about the church's position respecting a woman's right to choose."

> Pelosi said in [an] interview with Newsweek's Eleanor Clift. "I have some concerns about the church's position on gay rights. I am a practicing Catholic, although they're probably not too happy about that. But it is my faith."
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> On March 25, 2010 noted canon lawyer and Referendarius of the Apostolic Signatura, Dr. Ed Peters wrote of Pelosi: "If her prolonged public conduct does not qualify as obstinate perseverance in manifest grave sin, then, in all sincerity, I must admit to not knowing what would constitute obstinate perseverance in manifest grave sin."

Brothers and sisters, thankfully, not all politicians are in total darkness. Along with many great statesmen, Representative Trent Franks, Republican from Arizona, gets it. He said, "Because, ladies and gentlemen, if abortion really does kill a baby, then in this, the seat of freedom, we are living in the midst of the greatest human genocide in the history of humanity."

I look forward to your comments and questions. Here are the numbers to call: 1-800-585-9396 and 1-205-271-2985.

Closing: A thousand thanks for your calls and emails! Many thanks to my brilliant producers Tom Graye, Elena Rodriguez and Mike Romano! Couldn't do it without ya!

Keith Mason of Personhood USA writes:

> Human rights must exist apart from governments. Governments cannot create or destroy human rights, but should protect human rights. If a government fails to protect rights, this doesn't preclude the existence of rights. It only means that the government has ignored or even scorned its duty.

Brothers and sisters, now is the time to defund the most bloodthirsty purveyor of death. Let us remain on our knees, if not physically, always consciously. I feel certain when we face our Great God to give an account of our life, He will ask us what we did to end the scourge of abortion and contraception. We should pray for those who will have nothing to say...

Until next week on Open Line, Blessed be the Lord and Giver of Life and may He mightily bless you! Bye for now!