

PRAYER WARRIORS UNITE!

BY PATRICK NOVECOSKY

The struggle to save women and their children from the violence of abortion is a battle. It's a political battle. It's an ideological battle. It's a legal battle. But, above all, it's a spiritual battle.

The bottom line is this: *If we pray, we win. If we don't, we lose.* It's really that simple.

Abortion really is the defining issue of our age. It's the reason an exceptional jurist like Amy Coney Barrett was not unanimously confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and it's the biggest issue separating America's two dominant political parties. Like slavery and segregation before it, abortion unjustly separates one class of human persons by deeming them unworthy of legal protection.

Prayer is a simple yet powerful act that anyone — young or old, new to the movement, or a decades-long advocate — can participate in. “For our struggle is not with flesh and blood



but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens” Ephesians 6:12.

The Warrenton Pregnancy Center is engaged in this spiritual battle, and there are demonic forces at work that want us to fail.

Jesus said: “This kind can only be driven out by prayer and fasting” (Mark 9:29). *We plan to win this battle by following our Lord's advice, and we invite you to join us.* We need

people dedicated to pray daily for the Center, its clients, their families, and for our staff and volunteers.

We're gearing up for an organized prayer effort. The pieces are not yet in place, but we need eager volunteers to join the WPC Prayer Team now. I'm also reaching out to local church leaders to secure their help as well.

If you'd like to join our prayer team, call me at (540) 300-7721 or email: patrick@wpc.life

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2021

We have a full slate of events coming up in the new year, and we invite you to join us:

APRIL 16

Annual Gala “Night of Hope”
The Inn at Vint Hill
Warrenton

MAY 24

First Annual Slice of Hope Golf Tournament
Evergreen Country Club
Haymarket

OCTOBER 2

First Annual WPC 5K Walk/Run for Life
Warrenton



PLUS

Oktoberfest at St. John's, Baby Bottle Drives, Chick-fil-A Spirit Day, and more!



LIFE LINK

FALL 2020



More than 185 supporters attended our Annual Gala on August 7 at The Inn at Vint Hill. Read more on page 3.

WPC FACEBOOK FEED

- More than 2,700 pro-life pregnancy centers across the country served nearly two million people in 2019, providing nearly \$270 million in services.
- U.S. Catholic bishops have launched a year-long effort called Walking With Moms in Need.
- Despite the abortion industry's denial, abortion significantly increases risk of mental health disorders.
- Louisiana voters have approved an amendment to the state constitution that makes clear the document does not grant the right to an abortion.



LEADING FROM BEHIND

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I arrived at the Warrenton Pregnancy Center in July, it quickly became clear that I had plenty of extraordinary people to teach me the ropes.

In fact, when people ask what has surprised me most, I tell them that I've been truly impressed by the quality and passion of our staff, board, and volunteers.



Patrick Novacosky

I've been equally impressed with the reception I've received from the community — both the faith community and business community.

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LEADING FROM BEHIND

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Most organizations that fight the culture of death to save women and their children from the violence of abortion face significant opposition, so this community is truly impressive.

Making the move

I've been a pro-life activist since high school. As a teen in the 1980s, I made a commitment to ride my bike across the country to raise money and awareness for the pro-life cause. That ride didn't happen, but I've carried the flame ever since.

I've spent most of my career as an author, faith-based journalist, public speaker, and publicist. I've been more active in the pro-life movement for the past few years as a board member of a Florida-based pregnancy center.

I was delighted to be asked to lead the Warrenton Pregnancy Center in July. I moved from Southwest Florida with my wife and five children. My sweetheart, Michele, now teaches at St. John the Evangelist School, and my three youngest attend school there.

Leading from behind

In his autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela wrote, "It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger." He compared this kind of leadership to shepherding, describing how a great leader "stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing all along that they are being directed from behind."

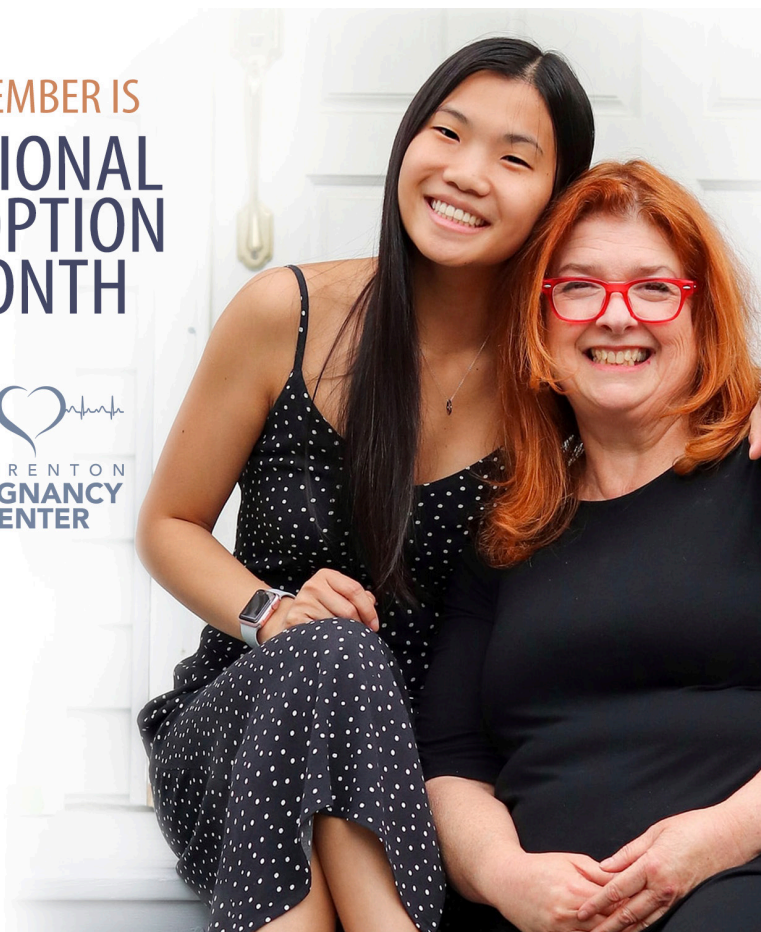
This style of leadership resonates with me, not only because of our amazing volunteers, but because much my work requires doing everything possible to ensure their success. When they meet with a young woman in need, I want them to have all they need to help mothers make life-affirming choices for themselves and their children.

To be sure, our success here at WPC doesn't depend so much on my leadership. It depends on our teamwork — board, staff, volunteers, donors, community, and Prayer Team. See more about that on Page 4.

Your help is crucial to our our work. We count on your generous gifts, and even more so on your generous prayers. For that, we and our clients are eternally grateful.



NOVEMBER IS
NATIONAL
ADOPTION
MONTH



WPC SUPPORTERS MAKE SO LOVED GALA A GREAT SUCCESS

BY THERESA PACCASSI

With much of Virginia on lockdown, and the "So Loved" Gala postponed from April to August, we weren't sure it would really happen. Auction items were stashed in a storage unit and expired invitations were tossed out.

As the state began to reopen, hopes were high that our Aug. 7 date would outrun the governor's restrictions and the Gala would go on!



David Bereit

Time to brush my hair and select a dress. Time to grab the umbrella just in case — and my debit card for sure! Time to gather with friends to wine and dine!

As the sky threatened rain at The Inn at Vint Hill, we ran inside to cool off, check out the silent auction, and reconnect with old friends and new faces. Anne Dianic and her team provided a myriad of tempting items. We registered for the online auction and bid on the Sweet Treat Package (an ice cream maker, snow cone maker, and supplies for ice cream sundaes). Our kids were thrilled that we won!

We were called to gather to dinner just as the air was cooling down. The program and dinner were under a colossal tent, complete with a stage, whispering fans, twinkling lights, and a large video screen. After opening with prayer, we connected with a home party group via Zoom and celebrated everyone's intention to save moms and babies. After a delicious dinner, our master of ceremonies and guest speaker, David Bereit, introduced the Center's new executive director, Patrick Novecosky.

Next, David told the amazing story of how God led him into the pro-life movement through an experience a friend had at his father's death bed. He shared the life-saving power of prayer and fasting.

He challenged us to answer God's call to protect life and discover our role in ending the plague of abortion. Through prayer and reflection, we were invited to make a donation, which we happily did. After all, that's the reason we came! Many others also responded generously, raising over \$71,000.

Despite the delay in holding the Gala this year, God's timing was perfect. The company was perfect, the weather was perfect, and the speakers were inspiring.

We were there with our hearts united to help women and their babies come to know that they are "so loved." It was a great reason to come out of seclusion and celebrate life!



Find more photos and videos of the event at: wpcpartners.org/2020gala