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Adventures of a Pro-life Table on Campus!

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It was a cold and wet November afternoon when my sister Madeline (15), my two best friends Emma Lahmann (16) and Emilia Calderon (20), and I finally went to set up our first pro-life info table to show the truth about abortion to our peers and fellow students at Los Medanos College (LMC). I brought my roll-around suitcase full of literature that California Right to Life, Abort 73, and Human Life Alliance generously gave us. We also brought some disco balls, a boom box, and some candy to attract attention to our table. To make our table complete, we placed numerous “squishy babies”, as we call them – little models of a baby at twelve weeks that allows us to show what the amazing little body of a preborn child looks like.

We sat at our table hoping and waiting for someone to come and see the miracle of life at our table for what seemed like hours. Finally, a lady came up to our table and started chatting with us. She was Medical Terminology teacher at LMC, and she gave us two thumbs WAY up for our table. As she was chatting with us, she told us she was teaching a while ago when one of her students/friends came to her home one day. It was weird to see her at her home because the girl lived quite far away from her house. The girl asked for a telephone (this was in pre-cell-phone days) and called her parents to tell them she had made an appointment to get an abortion that week. When the girl got off the phone, the teacher tried to talk her out of it, but the girl continued walking to the door. Because she was getting desperate, the teacher yelled to her as she was going out the door, “You’re killing your child!” The girl froze in her tracks for a moment,



then continued walking away. The girl still had the abortion and never spoke to the teacher again.

When she finished, she told us that everyone should know about the truth, so she asked us to come speak to her Medical Terminology class in the spring semester. She added that we would have the floor and we could talk about whatever we wanted! She thanked us for being there, and as she continued on her way, she said to keep up the good work. After she left, Emilia practically went nuts! As her friends walked past, Emilia would grab and shake them, saying, “This teacher came by our table and she said that we have the floor! THE FLOOR!!!!” Once she released them, her friends looked over our table and took tons of literature and a couple “squishy babies.” Others came and took some rubber bracelets and literature to give to a friend who was thinking about getting an abortion. We told them to take as much as they could hold, and they did!

Later, a lady, who supported our cause, came up to our table and asked why we didn’t have any graphic pictures to show what abortion really was. Emilia had brought a binder full of pictures of a growing child and of the aborted babies, but the lady wasn’t satisfied. Instead, she thought we should have giant signs of aborted babies up to show the truth.

Although we did want the signs, we wanted to wait to see how this table would do. We will probably bring our fetal development signs next time and hope that we will be able to have a bigger club next spring semester.

I would like to thank California Right to Life, Abort 73 and Human Life Alliance for donating supplies for our table and hope that we will have more supplies later in the year. I also want to encourage all young people to take action at their schools, not just outside of class. Start a club at your school, starting with just a simple

info table, and maybe you will have a successful table and/or club. I am only seventeen, and my friends and I have already started a club at a junior college! I encourage you to do the same!

For Life, Sarah Durling (17)

There was another teacher (I think he's an English teacher at LMC) who went crazy on us!! I first noticed the guy when he passed by our table and smirked at our propaganda. He is a very tall man (he seemed much bigger just because he's also very stout) with two earrings in his left ear. I recognized him instantly as one of the head honchos of LMC's gay rights club. I remembered that he was the spokesperson at LMC's Prop 8 debates-- he spoke against Prop 8 – and he has a reputation as a very active liberal, so I KNEW he would be trouble when I saw him! I suppose he gathered up enough courage to do more than smirk us, so he returned and he asked basic questions like, "So, what is all this? What do you guys stand for?" He had a very naive, innocent tone although I knew that he knew exactly what we represented. I was standing near him, and I told him that we were a new LMC club that spreads awareness about the rights of unborn people.

He asked me questions like, "How would you feel to have the government tell you what to do with your body?" and other questions that led me to inform him about how an unborn person is genetically unique and how science indubitably proves that a developing baby is, in fact, human. As the discussion progressed, we found that his main argument was NOT based on stages of development or DNA: his argument was based on his own opinion which was, "You are not human until you are born." I tried to keep an open, friendly manner in our discussion, but his angry passion and sarcasm turned the discussion into a heated debate! When I referred him to embryology books and informed him that the DNA of the unborn clearly reads that it is an individual human organism, he opened his purple lips and spat on the ground very near my feet! Worried that that big glob of his saliva would taint my favorite shoes, I reflexively stepped back. When he raised his head, he said, "See that? THAT is what a fetus is! It's got my DNA, and it's

worthless!" I was super surprised and affronted, but I tried to stay calm as I explained that the DNA in his spit certainly does NOT identify as an organism just because it contains DNA, but he merely restated that you are not a human unless you are born "OR," he amended, "if you have been born C-section! You are also human if you are removed surgically like that."

He then asked us all what our religions were. When we stated that we were Catholic and Protestant, he gleefully told us that we were religious people who want to force our beliefs on others. He said, "And so I'm sure you believe everything the Pope says; and he said that masturbation was wrong because the sperm are potential human life!" I was angered at his blatant twisting of the Pope's words, but I realized that he was trying to get a rise out of me, so I politely told him that religion has NOTHING to do with the issue; we had only been using cold, hard facts to prove our points. Even hypothetical allusions eventually circled back to a scientific base!



After so much arguing, I realized that he would not accept any facts because none of them supported his idea about "being born" making you a human. I wanted to finish the debate because I was tired of looking up at this man who ignored science and refused to even CONSIDER logic! However, just as I was reminding him about how "the parasite" (he was referring to the unborn) could actually suck his thumb and kick, unlike many globs of spit, this man actually took one of our 12-week-old soft baby models and threw it on the cement saying, "This fetus is NOTHING!" And he angrily (I might add viciously) stomped on it! Onlookers and passerby looked appalled and gave him looks of disgust, but he didn't seem to notice. I was genuinely shocked and I quickly retrieved the little fetus from the dirty cement as he told me, "You know what, you're just wasting my time because you're not going to listen to any reason!" I wanted to say, "Hey, that's MY line!" but I smiled and restrained myself as he walked proudly away. Although he was incapable of being swayed from his opinions and ideas, in retrospect, I have to admit that he really DIDN'T waste our time. The entire time that he was being sarcastic,

vulgar, and unreasonable, students, staff, and faculty were either passing by or watching the debate. At the time, I felt very insulted and frustrated, but now I am satisfied when I think back on that time because I know that he showed LMC what the pro-abortion side is really like: it is a hateful and obscene side that blatantly disregards logic, science, and even reason. I know that most people who are "pro-choice" simply do not know the facts and the science of it all, but the very heart of the agenda was personified in this one man. He was implacable to the end in spite of logic, and that is exactly what is at the heart of the pro-abortion agenda, no doubt about it. That day, that man showed LMC the viciously distorted heart of the pro-abortion agenda. It is always unpleasant to have to see the ugly truth about the pro-abortion agenda, but as long as abortion is legal in this country, the pro-life movement will continue to remain as voices for the unborn!

For life, Emilia Calderon

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Girl Scouts...Cookie Monsters?

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?
Make sure they get the facts first!
A LIFE depends on it...
1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

Behind their cookies, the Girl Scouts may be nothing but a pro-abortion sweet spot. Before you buy that next box of Thin Mints, you might want to know where your money's going. During a recent event for youth at the U.N., the Girl Scouts passed out a sex brochure called "Healthy, Happy, and Hot" published by--you guessed it--Planned Parenthood. Full of ideas too pornographic to repeat, the guide caused plenty of controversy. It's part of a joint project to bring "better sexual health" to girls as young as 10.

Girl Scout's Executive Director, Marty Evans, has boasted, "We're not your mother's Girl Scout troop." How true! Let's take a closer look at why this is the case.

They still sell cookies, but here are some new badges to earn: "domestic violence awareness, stress

management, girl power and decisions for your life" (teen pregnancy, etc.). Let's note a few examples of these changes:

- In Pennsylvania, Junior Girl Scouts (age-12) can attend a workshop on puberty designed by Planned Parenthood to earn their "becoming a teen" badge.⁴
- In Connecticut, Girl Scouts honored a Planned Parenthood official for promoting "healthy practices" in local troops.
- In Amarillo, TX, Girl Scouts have sponsored Planned Parenthood sex-ed seminars for 4th through 8th graders.

The following quotes indicate the Girl Scouts are abandoning their original foundation on biblical principles consisting of definite moral rights and wrongs:

"You can rarely state that something is definitely right or wrong." (See Exploring Spirituality—WAGGGS 2000)
"There is no right way to live, look, talk, dress, eat, or act." (See Brownie/Girl Scout Handbook—1993)

In Amarillo, TX, Girl Scouts have sponsored Planned Parenthood sex-ed seminars for 4th through 8th graders. "Our movement is secular and founded on American democratic principles, one of which is freedom of religion." (See What We Stand For—2003)

Jim Sedlak of the organization Stop Planned Parenthood has stated that the Girl Scouts have said they would not take a position on abortion or birth control. That is the "official" position. However, many troops affiliate and work with Planned Parenthood, which is the largest provider of abortions in the United States. Further, their sex education programs are obviously aimed at young people and getting kids into sexual situations, which of course means more abortions for Planned Parenthood.

While some troop leaders are still committed to raising women of integrity, others are bombarding girls with topics like abortion, contraception, and homosexuality. That's why thousands have dropped out in favor of Christian alternatives like the American Heritage Girls, where parents don't have to worry about women contradicting the values their daughters learn at home. The Girl Scouts have been taken over by the radical Left. And if you ask me, that's the way the cookie crumbles.

Calendar of Events

For the latest updates of events see
www.calendarforlife.org

Spring 40 Days for Life – began Wednesday March 7, 2011. More information visit the website
www.40daysforlife.org

National Pro-Life T-Shirt Week – April 12-18, 2011
Every year in America abortion takes the lives of over 1.2 million human beings. From April 12 to 18, join thousands of kids, teens and adults as they give visible witness to the personhood of the tiny human being in his or her mother’s womb. Get a shirt (\$6.50 each) and learn more about the event at www.NPLTW.com or call 1-866-LET-LIVE.

United for Life Dinner - Saturday April 16, 2011
United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue (off Sloat Blvd) San Francisco. For more information call (415) 567-2293.

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