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## Our churches must step up

**A**nother anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (Jan. 22, 1973) has come and gone, infamously celebrating abortion-on-demand, which came as a result of a hideous decision from the U.S. Supreme Court. Because members of that court would not consider that life begins at conception, abortion rights

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(pro-choice) supporters have now caused the death of at least 56 million unborn babies.

That number is considerably higher than the number of deaths

caused by both Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin combined during and after World War II. To put these numbers further in perspective, it would have taken about 342 Hiroshima-type nuclear attacks to kill as many people as abortion has killed since Roe vs. Wade.

Planned Parenthood, this nation's premiere abortuary, has proudly publicized the statistics for its most recent fiscal year which ran from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. During that one year, the organization claimed the lives of 327,653 unborn babies which they're only too proud to announce was 487 more than the previous year. If you can do the math, that works out to an average of 37 abortions per hour or nearly one every 90 seconds.

Planned Parenthood promotes its organization as one that perpetuates women's health and "reproductive rights" but at the same time is an organization wherein abortion comprises 96 percent of its pregnancy services. It's a "non-

profit" organization with an annual budget in excess of \$1 billion — and of that amount, \$528.4 million was paid last fiscal year by government "grants and reimbursements," i.e. the taxpayers — you and me.

Also noteworthy is the fact that Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards has a total compensation package of \$492,200. The terminology "planned parenthood" has always intrigued me in that it appears to factually have little or nothing to do with nurturing "parenthood."

One quote almost equally disturbing: "Thank you, Planned Parenthood. God bless you, Barack Obama."

It is said that 86 percent of Americans believe in God. If true or if that number is somewhat less, then the majority of Americans have been too silent for too long. This past November they spoke loud and clear regarding our borders, unemployment, accountability in our federal government, etc. The question remains: When will Americans plead for or, better yet, *demand* protection for the lives of the unborn?

For the pro-life movement to be successful, the silence that exists in many of our churches must be broken. If we can awaken the faithful to become active defenders of life, we will have an unshakable force to make positive changes both in our laws and in our culture.

Remember: Silence is surrender.

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