

PLW media coverage. Washington, yes. Waco, No.

Media coverage for Pro-Life Waco was curious in 2021. Many of our events were news worthy. However, local TV and the newspaper showed virtually no interest.

There was interest in Waco pro-life outreach from the *Washington Post* and international publications. The first was in June with a visit from the U. S. correspondent for German Public Radio. She produced a 10-minute documentary on the Waco battle against abortion and Planned Parenthood.

The Texas Heartbeat Act brought a surge of interest. This included a French magazine, a French public radio station and Austrian Public Television.

Most recently, the *Washington Post* used an interview with PLW Director John Pisciotta to open and close a major news story about the Texas Heartbeat Act controversy. You can read the story and see great photos of PLW:

<https://bit.ly/3BIMAhg>

John Pisciotta was interviewed on Catholic radio stations. You may like the interview for "Hometown Heroes" on the Armor of God Radio in Copperas Cove, Texas. <https://bit.ly/3GIK2UF>

This provides a good overview of the history, impact, and strategies of Pro-Life Waco.

Rise UP in Waco

To elevate the challenge to the Planned Parenthood Regional Abortion Center, **Rise UP in Waco** began in February. We hold strong, G-rated signs at the extensive public right-of-way along HWY 6. Some walk around Planned Parenthood seven times for a Jericho March.



The outreach is 8 to 10 AM, with a "Fiesta del Ranchito" taco break at 9 AM. **Rise UP in Waco** is delivered on the 4th Saturday of each month. We aspire to have 77 or more foot soldiers standing for life on the 4th Saturdays of 2022.

Fly the Flag to Honor Babies Aborted



This is the 3rd of each month because abortion resumed in Waco on March 3, 2021. August 3 was the launch of this outreach. Households and churches fly the American flag on the 3rd of each month -- half-staff if possible.



Visual displays: three sizes, many messages for life

Outdoor displays play a big part in the public square outreach of Pro-Life Waco. PLW displays a dozen billboards and hundreds of yard signs at Central Texas homes and churches. The distribution point for FREE yard signs is the front porch of PLW (John Pisciotta) at 4200 Grim Avenue in Waco. PLW has full-size billboards such as the photo above (off Franklin Avenue). Junior billboards (7'x11') help spread our message broadly—in Spanish as well as English.



And then "small is so beautiful." PLW yard signs dot the city with the proclamation that this family or this church stands in solidarity with preborn babies and moms. Check out the five yard signs currently available free of charge:

<https://bit.ly/3H6xeaz>

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Waco was one of 214 cities collaborating in National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children in Waco on September 18. The venue was Rachel's Park Memorial, with its Tomb of the Unknown Baby, 3,000 small white crosses, and the Wall of Remembrance. Our lead speaker was Rev. Clenard Childress of Montclair, New Jersey. Pastor Childress



is a dynamic pro-life leader in the public square and at the pulpit of New Calvary Baptist Church. The title of his amazing presentation was: "Is There Not a Cause?" (1 Samuel 17:29). You can view and be inspired by this prophetic sermon at youtu.be/Hqp9qRpQ-y4. Over 70 attended the event, which also included presentations from local pro-life ministry leaders. Then, we enjoyed breakfast tacos and fellowship.

Counter Rally to Abortion Supporters on October 2

This was a top-ten day in the history of Pro-Life Waco. Waco was one of 600+ American cities with a pro-abortion rally on Oct. 2.

The disturbing name for their event was **Rally for Abortion Justice**. Abortion supporters at Indian Spring Park were about 150. AND over 70 life defenders joined in with signs to defend precious babies. Carolyn the pro-life billboard truck brought dozens of signs for our foot soldiers running to battle. On this day, life defenders truly made Waco a "City on a Hill."



PLW's John Pisciotta promoted counter-rallies across Texas and America through email and Facebook groups. The pro-life responses in Temple and Copperas Cove were amazing.

Battle in the Waco Trib

2021 was a very active year for Pro-Life Waco on the Opinion Page of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

(2004, the year of PLW's Girl Scout Cookie boycott, was the top year. See <https://bit.ly/3bSc0ii>)

The Trib printed several full editorials critical of the pro-life movement and thinking. The shots were fired by a prominent pastor, a retired Baylor professor, and a leftist lawyer. The Pro-Life Waco allies in the community responded vigorously defending preborn life and the true interests of pregnant moms. You can see the offending editorials and our responses:

<https://bit.ly/3wqxZGA>

The letters on this PDF are less than half of all the pro-life letters in the Waco Trib in 2021

Ad in Waco Trib from pastors

The "Christian" defense of abortion in the Trib, motivated a full-page ad created and affirmed by a broad coalition of Christian pastors. Over 80 Waco-area pastors "signed" the proclamation of nine pro-life principles. This was all the work of pastors. You can see the full-page ad and read the proclamation: <https://bit.ly/3EW1KC9> If your pastor is on the ad, say THANK YOU.

PLW extends with Facebook

The focus of Pro-Life Waco is local. PLW models and encourages local action worldwide. In 2014, John Pisciotta create a Facebook group named **Hometown Pro-life Action**. This small mustard seed has grown to over 14,000 members in over 90 countries.

Thank you to all who have

- prayed • worked • and financially supported the public-square outreach in Waco in 2021.

Grassroots mobilization is critical for the battle. We need your support for 2022!

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