

# Pro-Life Waco in 2021: Mid-Year Review and Preview

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## ◆ Abortion resumed in Waco

March 3, 2021 was a tragic day in the history of Waco. **Abortion returned to Planned Parenthood** after a suspension for almost a year. The main focus of PLW is closing Planned Parenthood in Central Texas. It is a tremendous burden to realize that **Waco is one of the eight abortion cities in Texas.**

## ◆ Two Amazing Developments in January

There has never been a **“signature” newspaper ad** like this in Texas. In October of 2020, Pro-Life Waco contracted for a full-page ad in the *Waco Tribune-Herald* for January 22, 2021. The ad featured a **call for the reversal of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision.** We had a goal of 600 names on the ad. Pro-Life Waco asked for a donation of \$5 to \$50 for each individual or family on the ad and reached the goal of 600. The ad made a strong proclamation to our Central Texas neighbors and gave our pro-life friends one more way to participate in the battle against abortion in our community. You can view the unprecedented ad at <https://bit.ly/3rTeZOE> Oh yes, a Roe Day ad will be printed on January 22, 2022 and have a new section for churches. Don't miss out!

Because of COVID-19, the annual Texas Rally for Life in Austin was a live stream that integrated presentations from 8 Texas cities. **“Rally for Life Waco”** included outdoor live stream viewing at Care Net. KWTX-TV aired a news story. 60 to 70 local foot soldiers attended the events adjacent to Planned Parenthood. We ran out of tacos. The speakers from Waco were John Pisciotta (Pro-Life Waco) and Deborah McGregor (Care Net Pregnancy Center).

## Monthly & Weekly Outreach Continued from 2020

Sidewalk Counseling  
Love Life Chain  
Overpass Outreach  
Second Sunday Gathering  
Rosary for Life  
Bank of America  
Awareness Outreach  
14 billboards  
Free yard signs for all  
Twice monthly newsletter  
Letters to the Editor

## ◆ The Carolyn Crack Up

During early morning of April 29, a speeding car veered off the street near Planned Parenthood and crashed into Carolyn, the pro-life billboard truck. The offending car was totaled. It appeared that our truck might have a similar fate. Thanks to Certified Quality Collision, the truck was repaired and back in service to the cause during the first week of July. The billboard truck is also a mobile warehouse. That function was sorely missed for two months.

## ◆ New Ventures for Life in 2021

**German Public Radio featured Pro-Life Waco.** As the U.S. correspondent for German Public Radio, Doris Simon wanted to find out about pro-life activism in the U.S. Somehow, her internet search led to a phone call to PLW's John Pisciotta, who arranged a full day of interviews outside of Planned Parenthood on June 18. (See adjacent photo.) The result was a 6-minute mini-documentary that included sidewalk counselling, public square outreach, billboards and yard signs, and our campaign to persuade WACOAN magazine to stop taking ads from Planned Parenthood. For an English transcript of this excellent documentary, go to <https://bit.ly/2Vvqkbs>

To step up 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. The outreach is 8 to 10 AM, with a “Fiesta del Ranchito” taco break at 9 AM. Currently, **Rise Up in Waco is twice monthly**, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. We aspire to 77 or more foot soldiers standing for life 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. (See adjacent photo.)

**Fly the Flag to Honor Babies Aborted.** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month -- half-staff if possible. Over 20,000 innocent babies have been killed in Waco. See photo below. Web page is <https://bit.ly/3CdMjVw>



## ◆ Finishing Strong for Life in 2021

### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

is Sept. 18 in Waco and 200 other cities. Under a big tent at Rachel's Park Memorial at 4720 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. 9 to 10:30 AM. The venue displays 3,000 small white crosses and a 25 foot cross. **Dr. Rev. Clenard Childress** of Montclair, NJ is the keynote speaker.

Pastor Childress is faithful to pro-life from the pulpit **and** in the public square. See short video: <https://youtu.be/E5LIGODwQsg> The program also includes messages from leaders of local pro-life ministries and personal testimonies. Refreshments and local ministry displays follow the program. See the program flyer: <https://bit.ly/3rZiCmw>

**Abby Johnson** of "Unplanned" fame will be with us for **Second Sunday Ecumenical Pro-Life Gathering** on October 10. Abby's conversion story has been heard around the world. However, Abby will NOT be our speaker. **Her husband Doug will talk about "Life with Abby."** Their eight children will cheer Doug on. The meal will be served at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall from noon to 1 PM. Then we will have an interesting and humorous program from 1-2 PM.

Pro Life Waco will continue its weekly and monthly events. And, throughout the 4th quarter. Pro-Life Waco will work hard on the signature **ad for Roe Day** that will appear in the *Waco Trib* on January 22, 2022. We hope to have an overflow ad with an additional half-page of individuals, families, **and a special section for churches.**

