



Pro-Life Waco 2023 Half Year in Review 6 months of the Post-Roe era.



Battling for life in the Post-Roe era

The heightened challenges of 2023 follow a tumultuous 2022.

On June 24, 2022 the Supreme Court handed down its long awaited Dobbs decision, which completely toppled Roe v Wade.

With Roe gone, both sides pivoted to moral, cultural and political engagements in anticipation of the November 2022 general election. As election day approached, hopes were high for pro-life gains. Those hopes were not realized. Congressional gains were small. Moreover, the pro-life side lost in all six states with abortion directly on the ballot.

In 2023 the abortion battle rages on. Pro-Life Waco will deliver more than its fair share of the heavy lifting. Our major lane of action is public square outreach, as in the past. Public square or community outreach penetrates a local community broadly and strongly to help change hearts and minds and souls. Pro-Life Waco continues as the Texas leader for public square outreach. Moreover, PLW is a model for the rest of America.

To learn more about public square outreach, listen to this radio interview of PLW Director John Pisciotta. The interview begins 16 minutes into the file.

<https://tinyl.com/p2rrev9m>

Monthly CVS pharmacy protests launch on March 31

Pro-Life Waco responds in the public square to new pro-abortion threats. In January, CVS and Walgreens pharmacy chains accepted the Biden administration offer to profit from prescriptions for the abortion pill, mifepristone. Pro-Life Waco launched "Protest CVS" on March 31 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. The location for one Friday each month is 601 N Valley Mills Drive, at the super-busy intersection with New Road.



PLW's Protest CVS outreach was featured in an online news story from LifeSiteNews. Check on the link below for the story and great photos:

<https://tinyl.com/vnecc3a7>

Follow the progress of Protest CVS at:

prolifewaco.com/protestcv.html

In the past, Pro-Life Waco has challenged the business enablers of baby killing. PLW will not give a pass to pharmacies committed to selling abortion pills. We stand ready to spread the campaign in Texas and beyond.

Sunday Pro-Life Luncheon: 23 years & counting

Second Sunday Luncheon Gathering began in 2000 with a real Italian pasta meal and pro-life action planning. Second Sunday has featured many outstanding speakers. In January, Claire Culwell delivered her riveting testimony of surviving an abortion attempt on her life. Her twin brother did not. In February, Julie Wilkinson shared her life story as a young RN who worked for two years alongside the late-term abortionist Warren Hern in Boulder, Colorado. See the video https://youtu.be/Z_ofNXT4G6E. Then in March Audrey Werner, a longtime opponent of public school sex education, spoke on her new book, **10 Tips on How NOT to Talk to Your Kids About Sex**. See the video <https://youtu.be/m6hVXopu6ig>

After 23 years, Second Sunday Luncheon Gathering has shifted from monthly to twice a year. Our fall event will be on September 10. We are honored to have the Rev. Clenard Childress of New Calvary Church in Newark, NJ as our speaker.



Outside the pulpit Pastor Childress is a leading pro-life voice in NJ and throughout America. He is a lead speaker each year in the West Coast March for Life in San Francisco. Pastor Childress was featured in the historical documentary **Maafa21: Black Genocide in 21st Century America**. He is the Northeast Region director of LEARN, the Life Education and Resource Network.

Sidewalk counseling support

Sidewalk counseling at the entrance to Planned Parenthood continues under the leadership of Ellen Staniszewski. Planned Parenthood remains open on weekdays even with the Texas abortion ban. Pro-life Waco provides logistical and financial support.

Carolyn, the Pro-Life billboard truck, is on duty adjacent to Planned Parenthood for the distribution and return of blessing bags and other materials used by sidewalk counselors.

Financially, Pro-Life Waco pays for breakfasts for sidewalk counselors at Our Breakfast Place on alternate months. Financial support also includes contents of blessing bags given to Planned Parenthood clients and for training seminars for sidewalk counseling.

PLW crushes PP's sex ed seminar



What Sex Ed Didn't Cover" was the seminar slated for May 15 from Planned Parenthood Waco and allies. After weeks of promotion, the seminar was canceled just four days out. A Facebook post declared there was an unforeseen development that made it impossible to go forward.

What was the surprise? Pro-Life Waco discovered the time and location and immediately mobilized for a sidewalk protest at the venue.

Pro-Life Waco Director John Pisciotta declared, "Our engagement in the public square can have much greater impact than we imagine. Moreover, the hurdles to our engagements to uphold righteousness are much lower than we imagine."

East Texas Right to Life honors PLW as Texas organization of the year

East Texas Right to Life honored Pro-Life Waco as the outstanding organization in Texas for 2022. The award was conferred on March 11, 2023, at the ETRL annual banquet in Longview. East Texas Right to Life is the mother organization for the dynamic Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn campaign headed by Mark Lee Dickson. Mr. Dickson and PLW's John Pisciotta share a commitment to public square outreach at the local level. Mark's leadership has brought over 60 Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn to Texas, including nearby Crawford.

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Your financial support is vital for 2023

Donations go directly to pro-life initiatives.
PLW leaders do not receive compensation.

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PLW, 4200 Grim Ave. Waco TX 76710

PLW and SFLA protest Fort Worth PP fundraiser



A dozen PLW foot soldiers went on a joyride to Fort Worth on April 25. When we arrived, the Director of Students for Life of America -Texas, Faith Elwonger, was there along with students from TCU and University of North Texas. PLW provided signs for the outreach. The venue, the Bass Performance Hall, has no on-site parking. So, attendees had to use the sidewalks to get to the two entrances. We were able to send pro-life messages to Planned Parenthood supporters and to others in downtown Fort Worth.

Sexual integrity seminar

To continue pro-life gains after the fall of Roe, we must restore sexual integrity. PLW offered a seminar entitled **Guiding Youth to Sexual Integrity and Abundant Life** on February 6. The seminar leader was Dr. Sandy Hapenny. Over 50 parents and other adults who guide children attended. We cannot build the Culture of Life on the foundation of the sexual revolution.

Outdoor signage: 3 sizes and many 24/7 messages for life

PLW foot soldiers work hard in the battle, however, not around the clock. That is where outdoor signs come in and have a big impact.

There is Carolyn, the billboard truck. Carolyn is typically parked at Planned Parenthood during the week and then out to a local church on the weekend.

PLW currently has eight 5'x 11' "junior" billboards with messages and locations rotating through the year. Friends in McGregor like our location near the town Dairy Queen (photo below). With Roe struck down it is very important to display the message that abortion hurts women.



Finally, we have yard signs for homes and churches. "Love Both, Choose Life" is most popular. Pick up your free yard sign at 4200 Grim Ave. (Home/office of PLW.)



Billboard truck attracts marchers at January Rally for Life in Austin

"Carolyn" the pro-life billboard was a hit at the Texas Rally for Life. PLW's billboard truck participated in her third Texas Rally for Life in Austin on Jan. 28. Carolyn was parked along the march route on Guadalupe St. So much fun! The marchers loved taking pictures with the truck.

PLW was there for "Fiesta in the Park"



The annual springtime event is **We Are Chosen Waco**, organized by several Waco churches. This joyful gathering has become a highlight of the year for PLW. Around 700 attended the joyful event at Oakwood Park on March 4. Pro-Life Waco used a large canopy over tables for browsing, engaging, and taking away free items. We gave away fliers, books, wristbands, yard signs, preborn baby models at 12 weeks, and precious feet pins. The center of attraction was a set of soft-to-the-touch baby models. Memories were created that will impact lives.



Pro-Life Waco welcomes the opportunity to bring our display and engaging conversations to your church festival or other event. On June 25, we were there for the Sacred Heart Church Festival. PLW would love to serve families and children in your faith community.

PLW on local, national, and international pro-life news.

PLW director John Pisciotta continued to receive news interview requests.

Federal court challenge to FDA

German Public Radio

This is the second time for PLW on German Public Radio. The focus of the interview was the Federal Court case proceeding in Amarillo. A lawsuit claimed the FDA violated law by approving mifepristone for abortion use in 2000 under an expedited "emergency" investigation. The interview aired on March 16.

PLW Outreach in the Post-Roe Era

Red C Catholic Radio, Bryan TX

The *Red C Roundup* weekly program on April 26 featured the outreach of PLW in a 40 minute live interview. Pisciotta's interview covered many of the events summarized in this review, along with an explanation of the strategy of public square outreach. You can listen at <https://tinyurl.com/p2rrev9m> The interview begins at 16 minutes.

Waco's Great Awakening!

American Family Radio

This feature story begins with a 19 year-old eruption in Waco, Texas. The story was broadcast on June 5 on over 180 AFR stations.

In 2004, PLW delivered national impact with a local boycott of Girl Scout Cookie sales. This brought a "Great Awakening" about the true character of Girl Scouts. The Waco Girl Scout had close ties to the Planned Parenthood sex ed program named Nobody's Fool.

AFR noted that PLW used its activism experience in 2023 to block a new Planned Parenthood sex ed program from launching. (See page 1 of this review.)

Listen to the AFR news clip (80 seconds): <https://tinyurl.com/ye6r4t8r>

Three quick mentions

The previous highlights have not mentioned three important Pro-Life Waco events.

1. **Pedestrian Overpass Outreach** one Thursday each month.
2. **Love Life Chain** the first Sunday each month.
3. **It's a Baby Waco** at Planned Parenthood the fourth Saturday of each month.

PLW expands with Facebook

The focus of Pro-Life Waco is L-O-C-A-L. However, PLW models and encourages local action worldwide. In 2014, John Pisciotta created a Facebook group named **Hometown Pro-life Action**. This small mustard seed has grown to over 16,000 members in over 90 countries.

PLW needs you! Thank you

to all who have

- prayed • worked • and financially supported the public-square outreach of Pro-Life Waco..
- Grassroots mobilization is more critical than ever for the battle for life!

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