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These six words were the first words that came to me on hearing of the passing of Pastor Benjamin E. Sheldon on September 18th. Pastor Sheldon passed away peacefully at his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, surrounded by his loving family.

Pastor Sheldon was a dedicated pro-life leader who served and led many pro-life organizations including Presbyterians Pro-Life in which he served in numerous capacities including president.

He was also a founding member, past president, and executive director of the National Pro-Life Religious Council. He attended and presented workshops at National Right to Life Conventions. Pastor Sheldon was also a co-presenter at a National Right to Life Prayer Breakfast. He also worked tirelessly to make his Presbyterian denomination adopt a culture of life philosophy by working with other pro-life organizations including president.

A great pro-life man of God is now forever joined with his beloved Lord.

The National Pro-Life Religious Council

The National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC) is a Christian coalition which acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and works to encourage every Christian denomination to affirm and witness to the biblical standard of the value, dignity and sanctity of human life, and to foster ministry to those vulnerable to the violence of abortion or euthanasia.

Alpha Omega Life

Anglicans for Life

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)

Ernest Ohlhoff, Director of Religious Outreach, National Right to Life Committee

International Communal of the Charismatic Episcopal Church (CEC for Life)

Lutherans for Life (LFL)

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)

National Clergy Council

National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NILA)

Presbyterians Pro-Life (PPL)

Priests for Life (PFL)

Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Reproductive Justice (TUMAS)/Lifewatch

United Friends for Life (UFL)

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Supreme Court Upholds Obamacare – Threatens Religious Freedom, Will Expand Abortion and Will Lead to Health Care Rationing

On June 28th the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare by a 5-4 vote. The decision will allow the HHS mandates to continue to attack religious freedom and individual consciences. It will also lead to pro-abortion regulations and health care rationing that will deny lifesaving medical treatment and prevent individuals from using their own money to pay for life saving services.

Under the enacted law, federal tax-based subsidies will begin in 2014 to subsidize millions of private insurance plans that will cover abortion on demand, including some plans that will be administered by the federal government (“multi-state plans”). Under the proviso of the law, the federal government could even order many plans that do not receive federal subsidies to cover abortion as a “preventive” service. The law also created an array of other mechanisms and funding pipelines by which access to and subsidies for abortion can be expanded.

Unless repealed, Obamacare will give federal bureaucrats the power to impose so-called “quality” measures on all health care providers, under which treatment that a doctor and patient deem needed to save that patient’s life or preserve the patient’s health, but which runs afoul of the imposed standards, will be denied, even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it. In 2015 and thereafter, an 18-member “Independent Payment Advisory Board” is directed to inform the federal Department of Health and Human Services how to use those imposed standards to limit what private citizens are permitted to spend on their own families’ health care to below the rate of medical inflation.

Obamacare is the most serious threat the pro-life movement and faith-based organizations have faced in our lifetime. Its anti-life threats are real and immediate.

Rest in Peace Nellie Gray

The National Pro-Life Religious Council joins the rest of the pro-life community in mourning the loss of pro-life activist, Nellie Gray. At 88 years old, Nellie Gray was forced to end her life’s work of defending the unborn. Best known for her work in founding and maintaining the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, Nellie Gray will be greatly missed. The March began on the first anniversary of the Supreme Court’s tragic Roe v. Wade decision, and there was originally no plan to repeat the March. However the suggestion was made to continue it the following year, and it has persisted every year after that. And now the March brings tens of thousands of pro-life advocates to together from across the nation every year on to march to the steps of the Supreme Court on what is usually the coldest day in January.

Prior to the March for Life Nellie Gray worked in the federal government and was active in the Supreme Court. She held a law degree from Georgetown University which she used to defend the pro-life cause in the 1970s. After the Roe v. Wade ruling, Nellie Gray retired from her work in the federal government and became a full-time pro-life activist. “Nellie Gray was a pro-life pioneer who will be dearly missed,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “As a colleague in national pro-life leadership, Nellie was always an inspiration to the rest of us,” Father Pavone said. “Her devotion was on display that same year, 2008, when, despite being in the hospital during the March for Life, she nevertheless was present at all all-day meeting of national leaders the very next morning, with a patch on her head.”

The March for Life will continue on without Nellie Gray, but remains her greatest legacy.

The National Pro-Life Religious Council at the 42nd Annual National Right to Life Convention

From June 28th-30th, the National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC) attended National Right to Life’s 42nd Annual Convention. Each year the board members from the NPRC give well-attended talks at the Convention, and this year was no different.

Their most popular talk was the “We are the Sheep, Where are the Shepherds?” workshop, which discusses what individuals can do in their churches to encourage their pastors to be more outspoken on life issues. The talk is a panel which is lead by NPRC’s board members.

Fr. Frank Pavone (Priests for Life) began the workshop by discussing how the fight over religious freedom can provide an opportunity to activate our pastors more effectively for the cause of life. Rev. Kirk van der Swaag (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference) talked about how to help pastors deal with the issue of abortion in their congregations. Continuing on that theme, Rev. John Brown (United Church of Christ) talked about how to approach pastors and get them to do more regarding abortion.

Vera Faith Lord, drawing on her own experiences, addresses the issue of pastors being too afraid to talk about abortion thinking that they might hurt those who have had abortions. Georgette Forney (Anglicans for Life) talked about how the Silent No More Awareness Campaign can help encourage and activate pastors. Since this is an election year, Ed Szeot (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod) discussed what pastors and Churches can do regarding elections and their connection to the abortion issue.

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