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Merry Christmas from the Staff of RLCC!



From left to right: Grace Nemy, Josh Brahm, Gabi Vehrs, Jonathan Keller, Elizabeth Goddard, Kyle Goddard, Glenda Friesen, Michael Salinas

Can You Explain Why You're Pro-Life in 30-Seconds?

by Josh Brahm

I've recently become friends with Tim Thiesen, the President of the Fresno County Republican Assembly. He attended a function that I spoke at and we exchanged ideas and then he had me on his TV show.

Last week he asked me to give him a 30-second sound bite that he can use and give to candidates that would explain the basic pro-life position. Below is what I sent him, a combination of [Steve Wagner's](#) 10-second pro-life apologist and [the Equal Rights Argument](#).

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I am pro-life because we know the unborn are alive, because they're growing. We know the unborn are human because they have human parents, and I think human beings like me and you are valuable.

In fact, I think all human beings have an equal right to live, because they all have something special in common: they're human. That's why racism and sexism are wrong. Racism is wrong because it focuses on a surface difference that doesn't morally matter and ignores the thing we all have in common, which is the thing that does morally matter: that we're human.

And because the unborn are clearly human, they should be given an equal right to life as well.



deductible gift. Thank you!

Quote of the Month

"Josh Brahm is the most thoughtful pro-life communicator I've encountered.

I recommend his work to anyone who is pro-life and wanting to engage people in dialogue as well as those who are pro-choice but would like to have someone 'on the other side' to ask questions of."

~ Jim Henderson

2013 Christmas Auction a Great Success!

RLCC would like to thank everyone who was involved in our recent 2013 Christmas Dinner/Auction either as a volunteer or as a guest. This proved to be, yet again, our largest, most attended event of the year. With over one thousand participants, the convention center was busting at the seams. May God bless all of you for your support that night as well as for the on-going support you provided the pro-life movement throughout the years.

Your outspoken belief in the sanctity of all human life is ever inspiring to the staff and volunteers of Right to Life of Central CA as we look forward to seeing all of you again at next years Christmas Dinner. May the Lord provide you with the merriest of Christmas' and may His blessings flow in abundance throughout your family and lived ones



Join the Club!



In addition to general donations, we're also looking for committed friends of life to join the "300 Club," Right to Life's monthly support team. For just \$25 each month, you can be an integral part of RLCC's life-changing and life-saving work here in the San Joaquin Valley and across the U.S. [Click here](#) for more!





See more pictures from the Christmas Auction here: <http://ow.ly/rWaFY>

"Ethan" is Now Pro-Life Because of the Equal Rights Argument!

Education Director Josh Brahm spoke at both days of the Central California Diocesan Congress in October, and had a booth between sessions. The best moment at the booth was when Josh met the guy in this picture:



"Ethan" recognized Josh and said, "Hey, I talked to you at Fresno State this year!" Then Ethan told Josh that he was pro-choice until that day at Fresno State, but he became pro-life in the days following their conversation.

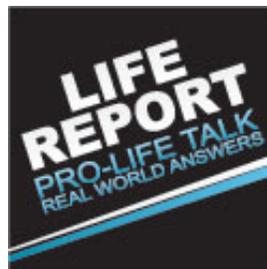
Josh asked him, "What was it that changed your mind?"

He responded, "It was because of what you said about all humans being equal."

Josh had made the [Equal Rights Argument](#), and upon reflection, Ethan became pro-life.

Language in the Abortion Debate - Pro-Choice vs. Pro-Abortion

Steve Wagner from Justice For All joins Josh Brahm and Gabi Vehrs for a two-episode discussion about common terms and labels used in the abortion debate. In this episode they focus on the labels that both sides of the debate call each other: pro-choice, pro-abortion, pro-abort, pro-abortion-choice, pro-life, anti-abortion, and anti-choice.





Language in the Abortion Debate - Pro-Choice vs. Pro-Abortion

Responding to "You're a Man, You Can't Get Pregnant!"

by Josh Brahm

I'll admit, it's not always easy to respond to this argument without coming across like a jerk. There are some strong pro-choice arguments that I find difficult to grapple with when articulated well, but "You're just a man" has got to be one of the lamest pro-choice arguments I've heard. There's a part of me that just wants to respond, "Seriously? Is that the best you've got? Can we try to raise the level of dialogue here and respond to each other's arguments instead of attacking each other? Tell you what. There are lots of pro-life women who use the same arguments I do. Just pretend I'm one of them and respond to their argument."



In a sense, I'd be justified in saying that, but I think most people would just huff and puff while storming off.

So I'm going to write an imaginary dialogue with an approach that I think would be more effective than simply accusing the person of committing the "ad hominem fallacy," (attacking the person and not the argument,) making a dialogue mistake [that I've written about before](#).

[Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

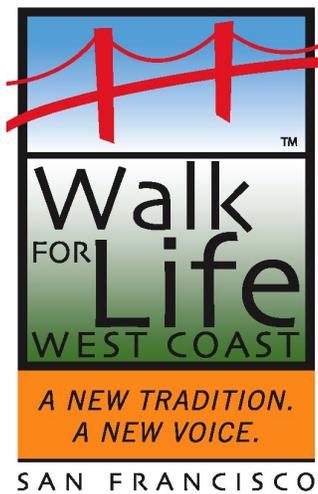
2014 West Coast Walk for Life

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For the tenth consecutive year, RLCC staff and volunteers will join over 60,000 pro-lifers to march for unborn children and their mothers on the streets of San Francisco as part of the annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 25th, 2014.

Buses depart for San Francisco at 7:00 AM from St. John's Cathedral and will plan to return to the Fresno area by 8:00 PM. A short stop for dinner-to-go will be made on the way home.

There is still room available, but spots are going fast! If you would like to get directions or join us this year, contact Michael at (559) 229-2229 or [Click Here](#).



About Us

Right to Life of Central California (RLCC) is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization whose fundamental purpose is to restore societal respect and effective legal protection for all human beings from fertilization until natural death. RLCC's projects include the [Life Report radio and TV show](#), 40 Days for Life, and conducting multimedia presentations for youth and seminars for adults to educate on the life issues. Visit our website at RightToLifeCA.org.

