



The Blind Leading the Blind by Eugene Santoro April 05, 2012

My cup runneth over, not because I am blessed (I am) but because the world is in chaos. There are so many unfamiliar activities going on in my world. I realize how lucky I am; I was born in this great country; I did not come here as an alien, I opened my eyes and I was an American.

We have been blessed with a land of milk and honey, we should be self sufficient because we have all the resources to support the necessities of life.

We do not have streets paved with gold, but we live in a country paved with opportunity, even the poorest of the poor can become the richest of the rich.

People come to America to start a new life; to have the opportunity to share their innovations and to fulfill their desire for life, liberty, and the pursuit of property and happiness and the freedom to worship a supreme being. We, as Americans, are usually very generous and caring people; we have been the big brother of the world for many years.

There is a movement, determined to change the very essence of America. It seems to me that this group of people feel that the USA is in a vulnerable state and is ready to be changed into a Utopia that makes everyone equal and dependent on the government only.

Our freedom to worship is in jeopardy once more. We are in a war between those who are believers and those who are not. This war has been going on forever. It is a cycle that happens periodically. We are still here after many hoard's of unbelievers have tried to erase all traces of God. The blind leading the blind can only lead to more darkness and doubt, more obstacles and downfalls, more pain and suffering; only light and faith can cure the loss of sight, and the light is God.

Jury to Hear How Gosnell Coerced Staff to Help Third-Term Abortions by Steven Ertelt | Philadelphia, PA | LifeNews.com | 3/25/13

For good reason, most of the focus in the case against Kermit Gosnell has been on how he killed a patient in a failed abortion and "snipped" the spinal cords of babies in late-term live-birth abortions.

Now, the jury in the murder trial case may hear about how Gosnell abused his staff, treated and paid them poorly, and coerced them to participate in third-term abortions so they could make more money. From a local news <u>report</u> on what is expected this week.



In opening statements, Assistant District Attorney Joanne Pescatore said they were nearly as "desperate" as the women seeking late-term abortions. Three have pleaded guilty to third-degree murder, and potentially face 20 to 40 years in prison. The two other "doctors" on Gosnell's staff were medical school graduates without Pennsylvania licenses, one of whom, Steven Massof of Pittsburgh, worked for just a few hundred dollars a week, authorities said.

An employee giving anesthesia was a sixth-grade dropout, while a 15year-old high school student helped in the surgical and recovery rooms, Pescatore said. That girl's mother also worked at the clinic, and was charged, among other things, with corruption of a minor. Adrienne Moton has been the only worker to testify so far. Moton, a family friend, had moved in with the Gosnells in high school, then worked at the clinic from 2005 to 2008. She earned \$8 to \$10 an hour.

But she could make \$120 on a busy Saturday, when Gosnell performed what he called "second trimester" cases and gave staff \$20 per patient. Prosecutors charge that some of those procedures were illegal, third-term abortions. Moton, 35, has been in prison since the indictment two years ago, and awaits sentencing for third-degree murder. "I kept doing whatever I was told," she told the jury last week.

## Gosnell has been

charged with eight counts of murder and several of his staff at the abortion center, including his wife and sister-in-law, have been charged as well in the case with assisting in botched abortions, practicing medicine without a license or covering up the actions of those who did. The counts include grisly infanticides that involved Gosnell snipping the spines with scissors of babies who had purposefully been prematurely born so they could be killed moments later.

Gosnell has also been charged with third-degree murder in the death of 41-year-old Karnamaya Mongar(right) and the national controversy that has erupted over Gosnell's abortion business.

Gosnell, whose squalid "house of horrors" abortion clinic and callous, has had almost flippant attitude toward his macabre abortion practices shocked the nation.

"The Gosnell case is a watershed moment for the issue of abortion," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue and Pro-Life Nation. "The discovery of his horrific practices helped shed light on an abortion industry that has run amok without oversight or accountability for decades, and has prompted significant changes in abortion laws and attitudes toward enforcement in several states."

In all, Gosnell faces 43 criminal counts, including eight counts of murder in the death of one patient, Karnamaya Monger, and seven newborn infants. Additional charges include conspiracy, drug delivery resulting in death, infanticide, corruption of minors, evidence tampering, theft by deception, abuse of corpse, and corruption.

Gosnell could face the death penalty if convicted and he faces a mandatory minimum 20 years. A pool of 125 was narrowed down to 43 potential jurors this afternoon and the death penalty played a role.

The first day of jury selection began with a panel of about 125 people, but most were quickly excused for a variety of factors, including opposition to the death penalty in this potential capital case, personal hardship caused by serving in a trial expected to last 6 to 8 weeks, and having a fixed opinion on the case. At the end of the first day, three female jurors had been selected. The three jurors chosen Monday told Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey Minehart they supported abortion.

Previously, Gosnell's wife Pearl <u>pleaded guilty</u> to assisting her husband at his Philadelphia abortion center where he killed a woman in a botched abortion and kills hundreds of babies in abortioninfanticides.

Pearl Gosnell was considering a plea deal similar to the one several of Gosnell's former abortion center employees have made where they have pleaded guilty to receive a lesser sentence in exchange for testifying against Gosnell. Pearl also worked at the abortion center Gosnell ran that had him kill and injure women in failed abortions and kill perhaps hundreds of babies in grisly infanticides by birthing them and "snipping" their spinal cords.

She worked at the Women's

Medical Society abortion business her husband ran as a full-time medical assistant from 1982 until she married Kermit Gosnell in 1990, when she switched to only working on Sundays. At that time, the abortion business was officially closed but would do its latest-term abortions possible.

The grand jury report indicates Pearl Gosnell testified that she alone helped Kermit do abortions on Sundays when she would "help do the instruments" in the operating room despite no medical training.

Previously, Judge Lerner ruled two other former employees, Eileen O'Neill and Madeline Joe, are not allowed to have their cases separated from that of Dr. Kermit Gosnell. Neither O'Neill nor Joe are charged with killing babies in infanticides and, although their attorneys argued the horrifying allegations against Gosnell could unfairly taint their cases, they were not allowed to plead guilty in deals as was the case with six other former employees.

The murder charges also came in connection with the botched abortion death of 41year-oldKarnamaya Mongar, who died at Gosnell's abortion clinic after a failed abortion. Mongar died November 20, 2009, after overdosing on anesthetics prescribed by the doctor. Mongar's family <u>filed a</u> <u>lawsuit</u> against Gosnell's abortion business seeking damages.

Gosnell and several staffers at his abortion center, including Pearl, were arrested in January after a grand jury indicted them on multiple charges after officials raided his abortion business following a woman's death and discovered a "shop of horrors" filled with bags of bodies and body parts of deceased unborn children and babies killed in infanticides. Pearl Gosnell, Kermit's 49-year-old wife who has no medical license, faces a charge of providing an abortion at 24 or more weeks and conspiracy and other charges.

Gosnell has been denied

bail while the case against him moves forward. Women have spoken out about their

treatment and one woman says she was drugged and tied up and <u>forced to have an abortion</u>.

Authorities <u>searching the facility</u> <u>last year</u> found bags and bottles holding aborted babies scattered around the building, jars containing babies' severed feet lining a shelf, as well as filthy, unsanitary furniture and equipment.

The grand jury investigation also shows <u>state officials did</u> <u>nothing</u> when reports came in about problems at Gosnell's abortion center, which <u>has</u> <u>upset</u> incoming pro-life Governor Tom Corbett.

Gosnell's abortion center was inspected only after a federal drug raid in 2010. It was the first time the facility had been inspected in 17 years because state officials ignored complaints and failed to visit Gosnell's Women's Medical Society for years.

The abortion industry <u>has been</u> forced to suspend two abortion businesses that employed embattled abortion practitioner Kermit Gosnell, who has been the subject of national controversy over his abortion business in Philadelphia.

Following revelations

that Gosnell is associated with two other abortion centers in Louisiana and Delaware, the National Abortion Federation made the decision to suspend the memberships of both. Atlantic Women's Medical Services, the Delaware abortion business that employed Gosnell one day a week to do abortions, and the Delta Clinic abortion center of Baton Rouge, have both had their memberships suspended. Leroy Brinkley owns both abortion businesses. Atlantic operates abortion centers in Wilmington and Dover.

MSNBC Talking Head Calls Babies "Things That Might Turn Into Humans" by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 3/25/13 12:31 PM

During a recent MSNBC show on abortion, talking head Melissa Harris-Perry made a comment that will surely make people wonder whether she has any grasp on the science behind fetal development. Harris-Perry talked about how much it costs "to have this thing turn into a human" when referring to an unborn baby.



she "accidentally" breaks a model of a fertilized egg, claims there is no science supporting the notion that unborn children are human beings, and dismissively refers to babies.

Transcript: Oh, no. That might be bad. I seemed to have popped open the fertilized egg. We'll put that back together. But the very idea that this would constitute a person, right? And that some set of constitutional rights should come to this. Look, I get that that is a particular kind of faith claim. It's not associated with science. But the reality is that if this turns into a person, right, there are economic consequences, right? The cost to raise a child, \$10,000 a year up to \$20,000 a year. When you're talking about what it actually costs to have this thing turn into a human, why not allow women to make the best choices that we can with as many resources and options

instead of trying to come in and regulate this process?

Campaign April 8th Will Help Abortion Clinic Workers Quit Jobs by Cassy Fiano | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 3/25/13

Abby Johnson made national headlines when she resigned from her position as a clinic director at Planned Parenthood. She explains that she began working there because she genuinely wanted to help women and make a difference. Though she was initially pro-choice, that all changed when she was made to observe a 13week abortion.

She saw the baby fight for his life before he was killed, and with that, her heart was changed. She quit shortly thereafter, causing a firestorm of controversy. Planned Parenthood and their proabortion allies demonized her; pro-lifers applauded her. Since then, she's worked as a pro-life educator, public speaker, and author. Most notably, though, Abby Johnson is the founder of And Then There Were None, a pro -life organization founded to help women and men in her situation, who want to leave the abortion industry.



This year, Abby and And Then There Were None are behind <u>Day of Exodus 2013</u>, a national day to help workers leave abortion clinics.

Monday, April 8 is Day of Exodus 2013. Simply put, it is the day of the year that abortion clinic workers who are ready to quit their jobs do so, in exodus.

Whatever led you to work in the abortion industry, please realize that this isn't your full potential. If you feel bound to your job in an abortion clinic (whether it's financial struggles, pressure from friends or family, a sense of obligation from an abortion in your past, or anything else) you don't have to feel trapped in your work at an abortion clinic any

## more.

... No one grows up wanting to work in an abortion clinic. Fortyfive abortion clinic workers have followed their conscience and fled the abortion industry through ATTWN since June 2012. We can help you too.

Many workers want to leave the abortion industry but have difficulties doing so. Many of them have families to provide for and think they can't afford the loss of income. Others suffer from intimidation and are scared of legal recourse if they leave. It's easy to remember the millions of babies killed through abortion and the pain that post-abortive mothers suffer. But it's not so easy to remember that these abortions affect the workers, too.

Many abortion clinic workers have been ready to leave for some time – but they need help getting out. And Then There Were None seeks to help these workers. Workers who want to leave can receive free legal representation, financial assistance, help finding a new job, and emotional support. All information is kept strictly confidential.

The goal of Exodus 2013 is to encourage clinic workers to send a powerful message via a nationwide exodus on April 8, although any workers who wish to leave before or after will still receive assistance. Without abortion clinic workers, there can be no abortion clinics, and without clinics, there would be no abortions.

<u>Spread the word</u> (here's <u>a</u> <u>great way</u> for sidewalk counselors to do this), and help workers flee from the abortion industry.

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## Pro-Lifers to Mark GoodFriday With Prayer Vigils atAbortion ClinicsbySteven Ertelt | Washington,DC | LifeNews.com | 3/25/13

Pro-life advocates across America will mark Good Friday with a day of mourning and prayer at abortion facilities nationwide.

Eric Scheidler, Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League, tells LifeNews that, as Christians worldwide remember how Jesus Christ was put to death, these faithful will stop to grieve for the 3,500 innocent unborn children who will themselves be put to death through abortion 1980 years after the crucifixion.



This nationwide event, called "The Way of the Cross for Abortion Victims," is coordinated by the Pro-Life Action League and emphasizes prayers for babies at risk of being aborted to be spared and for their mothers to choose life. Chicago, Saint Louis, Boston, Las Vegas, and Minneapolis are among the cities in which clergy will lead this solemn prayer service outside of abortion clinics.

"On Good Friday we remember the innocent suffering and death of Jesus Christ at Golgotha, which means 'the place of the skull,'" he said, "We have our own 'Golgotha' in every city where innocent unborn children, created in the image of God, are also violently put to death by abortion."

He said the impetus behind the prayer vigils is to empower Americans to put their pro-life convictions into effective action in their local communities. Scheidler said Christians of all denominations have been invited to participate in these solemn, ecumenical prayer services. At each site, prayers will be offered for all the victims of abortion-the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted-as well as for those responsible for perpetrating this injustice, including "pro-choice" elected officials and those working in the abortion industry.

"Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life," remarked Scheidler, adding that "None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, carrying a heavy burden of guilt and shame."

More information is available at <u>ProLifeAction.org/</u> <u>GoodFriday</u>.

Abortion Not About Women's Rights: Men Often "Make" the Decision by Fr. Frank Pavone | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 3/25/13

One of the slogans used by extremists in the pro-abortion movement is, "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament."

The slogan, besides being simply ignorant, is an insult to the Church and to the integrity of pro-life people. Less crude expressions of the same sentiment take shape in arguments like, "The prohibition of abortion discriminates against women," and "Pro-life people are intent on depriving women of their rights." In fact, pro-abortion forces took this argument all the way to the Supreme Court, but lost in their attempt to claim that women as a class were discriminated against by pro-life efforts.

The fact is that we oppose abortion both for women *and* for men. The fact that men do not get pregnant does not stop them from *choosing*  abortion. Indeed, anyone who has worked directly to stop abortions has seen many instances in which the "choice" in question was being made by the man, *not* by the woman. In the thousands of case testimonies I have in my office, time after time I read these or similar words: "My boyfriend wanted me to have the abortion; I was unsure," or "The baby's father said that unless I aborted the child, he would leave.

Of course. Abortion is not about women's rights. It is often about men wanting the right to be able to continue to have sexual relations without the "intrusive burden" of the child that can come about. Morally speaking, the sin of abortion is committed when it is chosen. knowingly and willingly. Many factors mitigate the guilt, but the point here is that the choosing of abortion does not require that one be pregnant. Men choose abortion: men perform abortions. Men are therefore often guilty of the sin of abortion.

Being pro-life is in no way to single out *women* for blame. Being pro-life is about helping men and women alike to have the courage to do what is right, namely, to conceive children only within the bounds of valid marriage, and to protect all children who have been conceived under any circumstances.

Ministry to men is increasingly important, and Christians are responding more and more. We see movements like Promise Keepers, St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers, and the Catholic Men's Fellowship striving to meet the pastoral needs of men in our day. We also see the postabortion movement increasingly extending its resources of counseling and healing to the men who have become entrapped in the lie that abortion is a solution to their problems. It was the promoters of abortion who from the beginning framed abortion as simply a "woman's issue." No, abortion involves everyone. Once, at a Life Chain, I was asked by a passerby what right I had, as a man, to say anything about abortion. "I'm a human being," I replied, "and

when my fellow human beings are being killed, I have a right to stand up and say no." "No," that is, whether it is addressed to a woman or to a man.

LifeNews.com Note: Father Frank Pavone is the national director of Priests for Life

## I hope you all had a Happy Easter