

“Black, Brown and White! We Are Pro-Life!”



CWA of Texas joins thousands at a rally to show opposition to the construction of the world's second largest abortion clinic.

In response to the construction of the world's second largest abortion clinic, thousands of Houstonians and citizens across the United States gathered on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to intercede in prayer and to make a united statement to Planned Parenthood, the Houston community and national leaders that abortion is wrong and intolerable. “Black, brown and white! We are pro life!” was the rally cry of the multi-ethnic, multi-generational crowd.

The cross-denominational gathering at the Catholic Charismatic Center, located across the freeway from the clinic, consisted of families with small children, groups of high school teens, church groups and concerned individuals. They all devoted their day off from work and school to gather to worship, to speak out against the new construction and to pray as intercessors for those who work in the abortion industry and as well as its patrons.

The Planned Parenthood clinic, located adjacent to the University of Houston central campus and within four minority neighborhoods, is an offense to the Hispanic and black communities, with leaders from each speaking out against the targeting of young minority women. One local Hispanic woman in her 20s, with an entourage of five other young Hispanic women, spoke as the voice of the millions of young minority women who are offended by Planned Parenthood's practice at targeting her generation and race. “Planned Parenthood does not have my best interest in mind,” she declared.

Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Texas Southeast Director Pat Hanson, Legislative Liaison Beverly Uhlmer and other CWA members and volunteers attended the gathering. Uhlmer took interviews from the media, in addition to completing the march. “I will continue with my work with Abortion Recovery Alliance and speaking with Houston City Council members about a city ordinance,” stated Uhlmer.

Reverend Sammy Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, led the crowd with repeated and impassioned shouts of “We will adopt!”

Tony Perkins of the Washington, D.C., Family Research Council warned of the clinic being a prototype for President Obama's health care plan. Abby Johnson, former director of the Bryan, Texas, Planned Parenthood clinic, walked away from the industry last year after viewing a live

abortion procedure. She challenged the pro-life crowd to leave the gathering with a commitment to fill the sidewalks of Planned Parenthood clinics with daily intercessors for both the employees and the clients. Her decision to leave the abortion industry was heavily influenced by those who daily stood on the sidewalk outside her office to remind her of the “presence of God” and to show her love through peaceful opposition.

With red tape inscribed with “LIFE” in black letters applied to their mouths, 600 intercessors stood on the sidewalks surrounding the bank-turned-clinic as part of the “Silent Siege” on behalf of the unborn. Divided into groups of 3,000, men, women and children marched peacefully through the local neighborhoods with Hispanic and black leaders purposefully leading the way.

The events of that special day no doubt made an impact. Pray that God will bring an end to the scourge of abortion in our land. Pray that the pro-life efforts of CWA of Texas and so many others united in common cause in Houston will bear fruit. Pray especially that God will soften and change the hard hearts of abortion proponents so that they too will make the right choice to “Choose Life!”