

Pro-Life Activities Continue Outside Abortion Clinic Despite NY Attorney General Lawsuit

A group of pro-life advocates with Church @ The Rock in Brooklyn, New York, will continue their activities outside a Jamaica, New York, abortion clinic uninterrupted, despite unfounded accusations by an abortion-supporting Attorney General.

Thomas More Society attorneys are defending ten of fourteen peaceful pro-life sidewalk counselors named by New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman in a federal lawsuit that accuses them of threats and violence against abortion clinic patients.

Martin Cannon, Thomas More Society Special Counsel, explained, "Our clients will continue praying for and offering alternatives to women seeking abortions at Choices Women's Medical Center, and they will do so without the state's interference, despite AG Schneiderman's attempts to stop them with a preliminary injunction founded on baseless claims."

Cannon expects that the pro-life sidewalk counselors will prevail at trial, having already won the motion to consolidate the preliminary injunction hearing with the full trial of the case in January 2018.

Schneiderman's lawsuit, filed in June, seeks an end to what he claims is "a weekly pattern of threatening, obstructive and violent activity by a network of anti-abortion protestors." He called the church members' efforts to counsel women considering abortion and to advocate for the rights of the unborn, "horrifying" and "illegal."

“Our clients are life-affirming Christians who peacefully counsel women considering abortion. They conduct themselves reasonably and compassionately. They offer information and alternatives to those willing to listen, and otherwise express themselves appropriately on the public sidewalk.” stated Cannon. He noted that the Thomas More Society clients are members of Church @ The Rock in Brooklyn, a congregation that has been witnessing for life outside of the abortion facility, weekly, since 2012.

Schneiderman’s support of the abortion industry is well publicized. In April he openly opposed any defunding of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, proclaiming, “I was proud to lead a coalition of attorneys general in filing an amicus brief against the Ohio state law that would defund Planned Parenthood.”

When he announced his lawsuit against our clients, he proudly proclaimed that he has been a part of the abortion movement since he was 17 years old and dropped out of school to work in a clinic much like the one at the center of the case.