

# **BIG NEWS! Federal Court rules in favor of Archdiocese of Baltimore on pregnancy center sign law**

This story just broke in Baltimore. I'm working on it now, but here's a quick snip from a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge? Marvin J. Garbis.

The judge ruled today that it is UNCONSTITUTIONAL to require pro-life pregnancy centers to post signs with language mandated by the government. The Archdiocese of Baltimore had challenged a Baltimore City law passed in 2009 that required the posting of such signs.

Stay tuned. Much, much more to come!

*The Court holds that the Ordinance violates the Freedom of Speech Clause of Article I of the Constitution of the United States and is unenforceable. Whether a provider of pregnancy-related services is “pro-life” or “pro-choice,” it is for the provider-not the government-to decide when and how to discuss abortion and birth-control methods. The Government cannot, consistent with the First Amendment, require a “pro life” pregnancy-related service center to post a sign as would be required by the Ordinance.*

*- Marvin J. Garbis, United States District Judge*

UPDATED: Here's a link to the complete story.