

PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE

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Introducing Joseph M. Scheidler

Joe Scheidler is the Founder and National Director of the Pro-Life Action League, based in Chicago, Illinois. He has been active in the pro-life movement since the Supreme Court of the United States issued its *Roe v. Wade* decision in January 1973, effectively condemning millions of unborn babies to death.

Scheidler is the author of *CLOSED: The Pro-Life Activists' Manual*, virtually a how-to book on pro-life activism, including sidewalk counseling, demonstrations, working with the media and researching lawsuits against abortionists. He has also produced *No Greater Joy*, a training video on sidewalk counseling, and *Face the Truth*, an 11-minute video on how to conduct Face the Truth Tours. His videos featuring former abortion providers, *Meet the Abortion Providers* and *Abortion: the Inside Story*, expose the abortion business from the experience of those who worked in the abortion clinics.

Scheidler's tactics were effective enough for the National Organization for Women to bring a RICO lawsuit against him in 1986, *NOW v. Scheidler*, which took him to the U. S. Supreme Court three times. His victory in 2003 was undermined by NOW's collaboration with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. A final, decisive ruling in his favor came from a unanimous Supreme Court in 2006.

Joe Scheidler believes and practices his motto: *Action Speaks Louder Than Words.*