



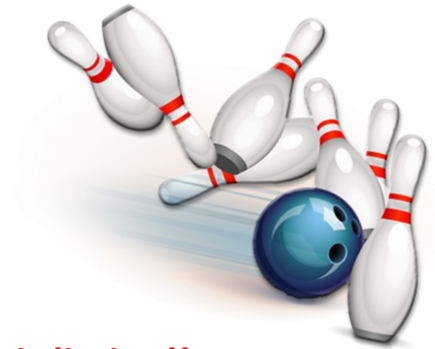
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July/August 2019

BOWLING FOR LIFE



CALL/EMAIL to reserve your spot(s) TODAY — Space is limited!

WHEN: Friday, July 26, 2019

START TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE:



33775 Plymouth Road

BOWLING FOR LIFE is an easy way for people of all ages to get involved and actively demonstrate support for the Sanctity of Human Life across the lifespan and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women and their babies, those who are sick, those who have a disability and the elderly.

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Abortion Activists Have Crossed the Line From Disagreeing With Pro-Lifers to Violence

By Kristen Hawkins

The violence that many people mourn in the womb seems to have permeated the abortion debate, as one dehumanizing act leads to another. Just this week, posters announcing my campus speaking tour were lit on fire at Western Washington University, with no regard to the devastation that could have occurred if the flames were not put out.

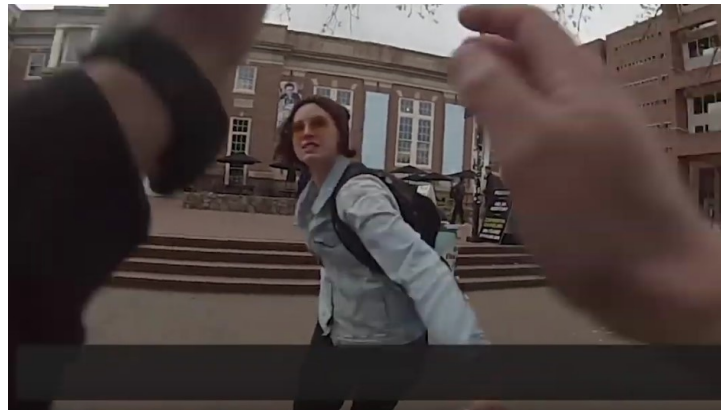
Meanwhile, a Pennsylvania state legislator, Rep. Brian Sims, who achieved notoriety harassing an elderly woman, filmed himself hassling Students for Life student volunteers praying in front of an abortion facility, before he tried to dox the teenagers, threatening to make their names public to those who do not value pre-born life and who might be willing to harass those who do.

It's not breaking news that America has a "polarization" problem. Much of the animosity lives in the large-scale political arena. Democrats vs. Republicans, liberals vs. conservatives. But one particular issue draws out intense emotions like nothing else can: abortion.

Just recently, while I was speaking at Boston College, a student argued in favor of medical care for dying infant illegally brought over our border, but not for one born during an abortion, as though where some is born determines human worth.

But at least that was a conversation. Increasingly, radical behavior is justified when facing someone expressing another point of view as people convinced themselves it's acceptable to approach others with violence. With over 1,200 student groups on campuses nationwide, Students for Life groups are frequently the victims of pro-choice harassment, vandalism and even attack. Recently, Students for Life of America released an interactive map detailing the more than 100 incidents and counting involving hostility towards pro-life students.

There seems to be little rhyme, reason, or pattern to where viewpoint-based violence is occurring. Pro-life displays have been vandalized at private Christian colleges and large public ones nationwide, three pro-life people (including a 15-year-old, a man peacefully witnessing, and an elderly woman) have been physically assaulted in three different cities recently, and pro-choice protestors follow me wherever I go to speak, brandishing coat hangers and throwing my stuff in creeks. At Kent State University earlier this month, the pro-life student group underwent an absolute maelstrom of social media



hatred, with one commenter spitting, "Alright so how about you go get raped and fall pregnant." Which was jarring for Klara McKee, one of the pro-life group's officers and employee of Students for Life, who herself became pregnant from being raped at 13 years old.

And it doesn't help that a lot of pro-choice vandals and bullies lately have been aided and abetted by college officials. Educational institutions should be the safest places for the exchange of ideas – but instead student leaders report that people with positions of authority use it to discriminate against their own students based on their stance on abortion.

The student body president at the University of Northern Colorado used his platform to "warn" the entire student body that pro-lifers would be doing outreach on campus, effectively polluting what could've been great dialogues. Yale wants to punish pro-life law students. A Christian university in Minnesota banned a Black pro-life speaker from coming to campus. A Catholic school official came out and said that cross imagery "creates harm," referring to Students for Life's pro-life display memorializing those who are aborted every single day. A Democrat party leader used her university position to put pro-life students through extraordinary measures to do a campus event, "warning" the student body prior. At the University of California-Berkeley, a display was thrown in a river, while flags were destroyed at the University of Michigan and a display was torn down at the University of Connecticut. And that's just to name a few.

To say that pro-life activists are being "disenfranchised" may have been applicable in recent years, but now, it feels like an understatement. Students being ghosted by Campus Activities trying to get approval for flyering used to be a big story. That progressed in recent years to physical destruction of property, like tearing down signs or upending display banners. Today students and speakers

physical persons seem to be in increasing danger.

Because of all we've witnessed, Students for Life was front and center when President Trump signed his executive order last month, calling for real protections of student free speech. It's a start.

Crazy, fringe characters occupy every side of every issue, so it's always a good idea to be careful when engaging in educational activism. But as violence becomes increasingly commonplace, pro-lifers must be vigilant and cautious when engaging in public policy, peacefully witnessing outside of abortion facilities, or doing outreach on school campuses.

Especially as the nation moves into another election cycle, in which the issue of abortion will be front and center in the debate, respect and common decency toward each other, born and pre-born, should be the prerequisite for conversation. But I'm concerned about a coarsening of our culture in light of current events.

Support for abortion represents a devaluing of human life in the womb. Support for attacking pro-life people represents a devaluing of anyone with different ideas. Once the devaluing, dehumanizing process begins, the door is opened to violence.

- LifeNews.com, May 10, 2019



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We are looking for volunteers to help spruce up our Main Office in Livonia. Do you need service hours? Would you just like to help? Looking for painters and carpet cleaners.

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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If you would like to register a group as a team, make sure to turn in all individual registrations together and indicate that you would like to be in the same lane! Lanes hold a maximum of 5 bowlers (we will do our best to accommodate group/team requests): _____

Photos/video may be taken at this event by LIFESPAN and may be used by us on the web, in publications and/or other media.
If you would prefer that your image not be included, please contact the Main Office: 734.524.0162



Legislative Update

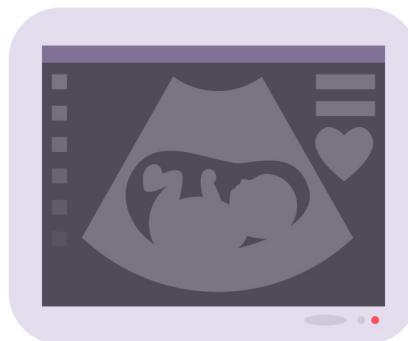
Dear LIFESPAN Members

At this time, the Board of Directors of Right to Life - LIFESPAN will support the Citizen's Initiative Petition being circulated to ban dismemberment abortions in the State of Michigan.

In 2003, again by way of an Citizens' Initiative Petition, the State of Michigan banned what is known as "Partial Birth Abortion" in which all but the living infant's head is delivered, intact, from the woman's body and a sharp instrument is inserted into the back of the baby's neck, into the brain, causing death. (The ban was found constitutional by the US Supreme Court in 2007 *Gonzales v Carhart*) When this procedure was disallowed, abortion practitioners began using dismemberment abortions to bring about the child's death. Instead of partially delivering the living baby's body, medical instruments are inserted into the woman's uterus and the baby's limbs are cut from his/her body and brought out of the uterus, piece by piece. This procedure also provides intact fetal body parts, much sought after for research purposes. It is this procedure that the dismemberment ban petition is intended to prohibit.

Our Michigan legislature has already passed such a ban, and the current governor has promised to veto this and any other measure that restricts abortion practice in our state. The goal of the Initiative Petition drive is to secure a sufficient number of signatures to bring the issue back directly to our legislature where a simple majority vote by the legislators on the measure will again ban this procedure. The language cannot be changed or amended and must be voted on as presented. Assuming our Michigan legislators will again approve the ban, it then becomes law and cannot be vetoed by the governor. Should the legislature choose not to vote on the measure, it then goes onto the November ballot for a vote of the citizens of the State of Michigan.

- Diane Trombley,
Oakland/Macomb Counties Chapter Director



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Michigan State Representative

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Dear Representative (last name):

A Little History

NOTE: The following is excerpted from an article that appeared in the Saint Clair County Right to Life Newsletter, June, 2019 (Issue 29 No 2)

MICHIGAN LAW AND BALLOT INITIATIVES

Like most criminal laws, laws against abortion are enacted and enforced at the state level. Michigan's laws banning abortion date back to 1846, which made us one of the leading states in protecting women and children. Regardless of what you may hear in the media, Michigan law does not and has never penalized a woman from procuring an abortion. Like most abortion bans, the law focuses strictly on the party performing the abortion – i.e. the abortionist.

There have been attempts to overturn Michigan's abortion laws, the most recent being in 1972 when an initiative was put on the ballot to "liberalize" the laws;. To the surprise of many, Michigan citizens turned down this initiative, which meant that our laws against abortion remained in place – for about eleven weeks.

In January 1973, the U.S Supreme Court handed down their infamous *Roe vs Wade* and *Doe vs Bolton* decisions, which effectively rendered null all laws restricting abortion in all states. This decision did not remove the state laws from the books, but meant they could not be enforced. This distinction is important – it means that all the (Michigan) state laws are still in place and if those two decisions are ever weakened or overturned, the state laws could again be enforced, provided there are no later laws that introduce conflicts or confusion."

Michigan law provides a mechanism for our citizens to directly initiate laws by way of a ballot proposal or initiative petition whereby petitions, written in language approved by the Board of Canvassers, are circulated to the citizens. If the required numbers of signatures are obtained, the measure goes to our Michigan House and Senate. The legislators can vote to approve the measure, reject the measure or not vote on it at all. If they approve the measure, as presented, it becomes law and cannot be changed or vetoed by the governor. If they do nothing, the measure goes to the next general elec-

tion for a vote of all the citizens in Michigan.

Our Michigan legislature had already voted to ban dismemberment abortions, which the governor has promised to veto. The goal of the dismemberment ban petition is to obtain the required number of signatures and present the measure to our Michigan legislature once again, where it is hoped they will once more vote to ban the procedure.

- Diane Trombley



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Wee Care In Memory of:

Maria Cusmano

Given by: Vivian Hutira

In Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary:

Leonard & Barb Pilka

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You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

Walk For Life



WHEN: **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

TIME: **2:00 – 3:30 PM**

WHERE: **Sumac Pointe Pavilion**

37401 Hines Drive, Edward Hines Park, Livonia

The **Walk for Life** is an easy way for people of all ages to get involved by actively demonstrating support for the **Sanctity of Human Life across the lifespan** and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women and their babies.

It will take less than 90 minutes of your time, but its effect could literally last a lifetime!

Put your feet to your pro-life convictions and **Walk for Life**; you will directly **help LIFESPAN** advance its mission to impact and transform people with the love of life from conception until natural death.

Start collecting pledges of support from friends and family NOW!

Pledge Forms can be found online at miLIFESPAN.org/events or call the office at 734-422-6230.

We are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible!

- Completed pledge forms get you a t-shirt which is available at the Walk. **T-shirts run from adult small to adult 3X-large**
- **If pledges are collected, a minimum of \$20 is needed for registration.**
- **Additional pledges may be sent in after the Walk for Life. Keep collecting pledges!**
- A **Walk for Life** pin to walkers who bring in \$100 or more in pledges.
- Two Tickets to LIFESPAN's Fall Sign Painting Party to each of the first two walkers who collect the most pledges (above \$150), received by LIFESPAN by **October 4, 2019.**



Questions: Call 734.422.6230

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Medical and Ethical Issues Today

Saturday, October 19, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Pontiac, Michigan




Donna Harrison, MD is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is Executive Director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She has lectured extensively in the U.S. and internationally on topics of medical abortion. Dr. Harrison is an Adjunct Professor at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois.



Cherie Sammis, D. Bioethics, RN, NP is Director of Ethics Intergration for Ascension, supporting Ascension hospitals and health systems across Michigan and Washington, DC. She completed additional graduate study in international bioethics and public health. Cherie has published articles and gives lectures on a variety of issues.



Amber Gier, is a nursing student at Oakland University and will be graduating in December 2019. She has been active as president of the Protect Life Michigan group at Oakland University for three years. Amber is passionate about the pro-life movement and encourages many young people to get involved in the fight for life.

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\$20 per person

A certificate of attendance will be awarded for nurses.

The public is welcome.

Justice Clarence Thomas: Supreme Court Should Reverse “Demonstrably Erroneous Precedents” *Life Roe v Wade*

By Micaiah Bilger

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas hinted at his willingness to overturn the infamous abortion ruling *Roe v. Wade* on Monday in an opinion about a gun rights case.

Reuters reports the conservative justice questioned the high court’s tendencies to lean on precedent for its decisions.

“When faced with a demonstrably erroneous precedent, my rule is simple: We should not follow it,” Thomas wrote in his decision Monday.

He said the court should not “elevate” court precedent over the U.S. Constitution, and some precedents are “demonstrably erroneous.” At one point in his decision, he mentioned the abortion case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. The 1992 case, which upheld *Roe*, says that states cannot place an undue burden on women’s access to abortion. Thomas dissented in the case.

Here’s more from the report:

The Thomas opinion focused on “stare decisis,” a Latin term referring to the legal principle that U.S. courts should not overturn precedents without a special reason.

While stare decisis (pronounced STAR-ay deh-SY-sis) has no formal parameters, justices deciding whether to uphold precedents often look at such factors as whether they work, enhance stability in the law, are part of the national fabric or promote reliance interests, such as in contract cases. ...

Thomas said the court should “restore” its jurisprudence relating to precedents to ensure it exercises “mere judgment” and focuses on the “correct, original meaning” of laws it interprets.

“In our constitutional structure, our rule of upholding the law’s original meaning is reason enough to correct course,” Thomas wrote.

Speculation is growing about whether the high court will hear an abortion case in the future and overturn *Roe*



v. Wade. The justices recently refused to hear an Indiana case involving a law that protects unborn babies from discriminatory abortions based on their race, sex or a disability. Though the ruling was disappointing, the Supreme Court did uphold a second part of the law that requires abortion facilities to cremate or bury aborted babies.

Thomas wrote an opinion urging the court to consider laws that protect unborn babies from eugenics.

“... this law and other laws like it promote a State’s compelling interest in preventing abortion from becoming a tool of modern-day eugenics,” he wrote. “Although the Court declines to wade into these issues today, we cannot avoid them forever. Having created the constitutional right to an abortion, this Court is duty-bound to address its scope.”

Thomas said he believes the court needs to “percolate” on the abortion issue more before hearing a major abortion case.

- *LifeNews.com*, June 17, 2019





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Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Pro-Life Luncheon

**Saturday
October 19, 2019**

**IN DEFENSE
OF LIFE**



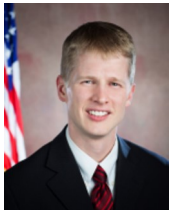
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**Councilman
Scott Bahr**

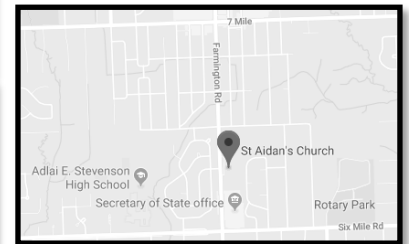
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Registration at 9:30 AM

Program begins at 10:15 AM

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_____ Tickets @ \$30 each (Non-Members, *Free One Year LIFESPAN Membership Included!*)

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If you would like to sit with anyone specific, please send in your registration forms together *or* list names here; tables seat maximum of 8 people (we will do our best to accommodate seating requests): _____

Photos/video may be taken at this event by LIFESPAN and may be used by us on the web, in publications and/or other media.
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50th Anniversary LIFESPAN RAFFLE

Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold
Donation: \$50 per ticket

Grand Prize: \$10,000

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- **Location:** San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan 48083
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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Late News

Despite a concerted effort by euthanasia advocates, the American Medical Association has voted to retain its long-standing opposition to assisted suicide. The AMA affirmed CEJA 2, the report which recommended that the AMA retain its opposition to assisted suicide. The vote was 65-35, a huge margin of victory for doctors who want the AMA to continue treating patient, not killing them.

The AMA policy states:

"It is understandable, though tragic, that some patients in extreme duress—such as those suffering from a terminal, painful, debilitating illness—may come to decide that death is preferable to life. However, allowing physicians to participate in assisted suicide would cause more harm than good. Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.

Pinterest

This popular social media platform Pinterest has recently banned Life Action (Lila Rose's pro-life

organization) from its site, claiming that the material presented by Live Action is pornographic. We know that Facebook promotes pro-abortion sites and either ignores or censors pro-life sites. We know that mainstream media downplays any pro-life effort or victory. We know that attacks against pro-life demonstrators are rampant—assault, property destruction, verbal harassment, throwing of bottles, bricks, urine, feces, rocks, literally anything that comes to hand, are rarely, if ever reported, let alone videotaped and shown on nightly news. There is a concentrated effort to ignore any positive image of pro-lifers and an equally concentrated effort to ignore any illegal behavior by those who support abortion. In a nation that prides itself on its free press, this is very sad. Not to advertise our own LIFESPAN News, but if you want to hear and read positive reportings on pro-life activities be sure you are receiving our newsletter and share it with others.

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Diane Trombley, Director

Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director

New Role

If you have not heard, Anne Marie Morin will be stepping down as Office Manager at the end of June. Don't worry, Anne Marie isn't completely leaving. She will be expanding her responsibilities as the Associate Youth Director. You can visit her in same building but downstairs at the Main Office in Ste. 100. This will be a great asset to the Wayne County Youth. Anne Marie is very passionate about involving the youth more in the pro-life movement and with LIFESPAN! Please contact her at youth@milifespan.org to connect her with the youth at your parish or school.

Bowling for Life

Reminder about our Bowling for Life on Friday, July 26th at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. No Pledges this year - we are having a flat rate: \$25.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Students which includes of 2 games, shoes, 2 pieces pizza, pop and entry into 2 mystery games. There will be a 50/50 & some other raffles TBD.

Help

I need to touch on this subject about membership. As you know, memberships keep us running along

with the other fundraisers. It helps us spread the pro-life message to the public through our literature, speakers, legislative activities, office, newsletters, etc. We need you more than ever with all that is going on today. I will be sending out a letter concerning our membership status I will tell you we have 1,500 members on the books and only 150 paid to date memberships. Maybe you forgot to renew your membership. Please revisit this. We need your help to stay running and continue the FIGHT. Thank You!

Summer Hours

Summer has arrived and so have our summer hours here at the office. Please Note our office will be closed July 1st through July 14th. When we return we will start Summer Hours. Our summer hours will be Monday - Wednesday 9:00am to 2:00pm. As always, appointments are available outside of posted hours.

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Summer Office Hours: M-W: 9-2; Th-F Closed

Gary Radomski, Director

Anne Marie Morin, Office Manager



Wee Care

Ahh... summertime - those carefree months that children long for all school year long--but before their days are filled with swimming, vacations, sleeping in and all the fun-filled adventures that await them - I would like to tell you about some very special kids.

One such special group is the Pro-Life Club at St. Michael's Elementary School in Livonia. A very active group that learns about pro-life issues on their level. They had a Walk for Life and a diaper drive. What a wonderful, caring school St. Michael's is!

The second group I would like to thank is the Special Needs Community of Christ Our Light Parish in Troy. They made adorable plush animals for my babies. They were so proud of them and did such a great job. What a fine group of young people they are.

The last "group" I would like to tell you about is the group that you help all year round. This group is made up of children having children. It is a group that our heart



goes out to. It is a small group of teenagers each year that have chosen to give life to their baby. After much counseling with adoption options, they have decided to keep their precious child. One young mom we are helping is only 16. Her plan includes a supportive, loving grandmother, a

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A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



Youth Report

We LOVE Our Volunteers

Schools Out! Are you looking for something to do this summer? Are you looking for something to do for your service hours? Consider volunteering at your local RTL-LIFESPAN Chapter office. Help is always needed and it is a great way to help the pro-life movement.



Call one of our offices at:

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Another Round of Thanks

We will not count the added calories our Father's Day Candy Bars added to waistlines, but we will count the many folks who helped to make this effort a success. To those special people, we send our thanks and hope that you all got a candy bar or two for yourself!

Thought for the Day

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow.



Wee Care

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return to high school in the Fall and lots of baby care classes and counseling. There will be no sleeping in, no vacations for her this summer. Instead, she will grow up very quickly, while holding her precious baby in her arms and knowing that you care about her and are praying for her and her little one. Thanks to you, we were able to give her a beautiful layette filled with cute clothing, bedding and so much more! We were also able to give her diapers (from St. Michael's students) and an adorable stuffed teddy bear from Christ Our Light. (Like all 16 year olds - she loved the bear!)

Please continue to pray for all our children in the Pro-Life movement--those helping and those needing help!

Have a wonderful summer overflowing with good times with family and friends and much, much laughter!

Love, Karen

P.S. Looking for some ideas to help **Wee Care** in the months ahead?

- Garage Sales - We always need lightweight sleepers - size 3-9 mos.
- Summer clearance sales - baby clothes - size 3-9 mos.
- Ask your church to consider a Giving Tree at Christmas (they plan early!)

From the President's Desk

Dear Pro-life Friends,

As I reflect on the events of the past month, I thought of all the evil in the world today especially when it came to the stories on abortion and the lies trying to convince the public that abortion is a basic right for women. I found myself referring to the pro-abortion movement as evil. After looking up the meaning and pondering on the definition, I believe my decision to refer to the pro-abortion movement as evil is correct. Not all the people in pro-abortion movement are evil. Many are just misinformed or lied to by their leaders. But, many of those that promote abortion, either in word or deed, are evil. I give you the dictionary version of evil:

e·vil

[ˈēvəl]

ADJECTIVE

profoundly immoral and wicked.

- (of a force or spirit) embodying or associated with the forces of the devil.
- harmful or tending to harm.

Keeping in mind the definition of evil - I submit the following paragraphs as an example of how the pro-abortion forces manipulate the truth in order to allow the act of "killing a pre-born child" - it's an act of evil.

The pro-abortion movement has taken charge of language in this debate on abortion. They use the manipulation of language to promote their cause. It is important to know this and not be influenced by the language they use. Take for example the use of the word "choice". You hear it daily by the pro-abortion activist that a woman has a right to choose. Sounds logical! We should all have a right to make choices for ourselves. But, in abortion: what do they mean? Choose what? It really means the choice to kill their pre-born child in the womb and recently, they are pushing for killing that unwanted child even if it is outside the womb. That is evil!

We in the pro-life movement choose life for the child in the womb. By doing so, we are accused of being insensitive to the plight of women, we are accused of being religious zealots, or we are anti-women. These accusations are picked up by the media and fed as truth to society. They are choosing death, we chose life, yet we are somehow the scourge to society. So much for Choice!

The truth is the pro-abortion movement wants choice only when it applies to their right to have an abortion. They do not want our choice - protecting human life at all stages of life - from the womb to the tomb, to infiltrate the debate. So, what is done? The pro-life movement is ridiculed and demonized. Take for example on May 2 2019, a State Representative of Pennsylvania was seen on an

online video screaming over 10 min at a woman praying the Rosary in front of a Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic. It was a verbal assault and he referred to her as an "old white women". He was nasty, angry, and intolerant of her right to choose to pray on a public sidewalk - so much for Choice! (You can pull it up his whole display of intolerance on social media.) That was Evil!

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), on 6/11/2019, pretty much compared those of us who are pro-life to those who are racist, antisemitic or homophobic. Within the interview, she made a statement "It is wrong to deny women basic reproductive freedom and basic human rights." Implying that pro-life people are not for these basic rights. The pro-life community does believe in basic reproductive freedom. We believe that killing another human being DOES NOT represents reproductive freedom. And as far as basic human rights - what is more basic than the RIGHT TO LIFE. These little humans in the womb have their own human rights - THE RIGHT TO LIFE. All humans, born or pre-born, should have this basic right. Here again we see the pro-abort Senator Kirsten Gillibrand using language full of lies and deceit, to win votes for her Presidential campaign. We see her taking away our choice to believe in a God-given Right to Life for her choice that kills our future citizens. That is evil!! (You can find this full interview in the Des Moines Register or social media.) May God give us the knowledge, the people, and the strength to overcome this EVIL.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

P.S. In our dialogue with the opposition we must always promote the truth: "Once a woman is pregnant there are two lives to consider, two human lives. Once you diminish the value of any Human Life - you diminish the value of all Human Life."

Pro-Life Events 2019

Bowling for Life: Friday, July 26

Youth Bus Trip Registration: Sept. 1st - Oct. 31st

National Day of Remembrance: Saturday, Sept. 14th

Walk for Life: Sunday, Sept. 15th

Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 6th

Pro-Life Luncheon: Saturday, October 19th

MNFL Conference: Saturday, October 19th

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To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



***National Day of Remembrance
for Aborted Children***

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 • 1:00 pm
White Chapel Cemetery



On Saturday, Sept. 14th, LIFESPAN will join other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 60,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Date & Time:

September 14th - 1:00 pm

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