



# LIFESPAN news

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Presenting the Pro-Life Message in Southeastern Michigan Since 1970 — 50 Years!

February 2021



## Right to Life – LIFESPAN's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower

Sunday, March 14, 2021\*

(\*unless different date noted)

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers



### Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers (size 1 - 4), baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for baby, gift cards, cash donations!

Baby showers will be held at the following locations.

**More locations are added almost daily!!! Visit [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org) for updates!**

Bring new or gently used baby items. **\*\*Gift Card & Monetary Donations Only**

For more information, call *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* at 734.524.0162

### Gift Drop-Off ONLY – After Church Services (unless noted otherwise)

Sacred Heart of the Hills Church, [Auburn Hills](#)

Guardian Angels Church, [Clawson](#)

**\*\* Gift Cards & Monetary Donations Only**

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Church, [Dearborn](#)

St. Sabina Church, [Dearborn Heights](#)

\* [March 13/14 \(Before all Masses\)](#)

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Church, [Livonia](#)

St. Michael the Archangel Church [Livonia](#)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, [Plymouth](#)

\* [March 6/7 & March 13/14](#)

Our Lady of Loretto Church, [Redford](#)

\* [March 6/7 & March 13/14](#)

St. Mary Catholic Church, [Royal Oak](#)

\* [Saturdays March 6 & 13 from 5:30 - 6:00 pm](#)

[Sundays March 7 & 14 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, [St. Clair Shores](#)

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, [Warren](#)

**Don't see your Church listed? You still have time! Call the Main Office today to register! 734.524.0162**

Choose a location near you, drop off some new (or clean, gently used items) and help our local moms and their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby and giving a baby LIFE!

Does your church/organization want to co-host a Baby Shower for one of the Metro Detroit Pregnancy Help Centers, but don't see your name listed? Please contact us today at the *LIFESPAN* Main Office & we'll get you everything you need! 734.524.0162 or [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org).



# Right to Life - LIFESPAN's RESOURCE BOOK 2021 Advertising Contract

This book will contain pro-life informational material that will be used throughout the year.

Your ad represents support for LIFESPAN's educational efforts.

Please fill out the Contact below and send it to us with your remittance included.

I wish to publish a \_\_\_\_\_ page ad for the

sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please run:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ last year's ad
- \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed NEW ad
- \_\_\_\_\_ EMAILED ad

Full Page (7 x 10) \$325  Inside Front Cover - Color \$375  Inside Back Cover - Color \$375  Outside Back Cover - Color \$500	1/4 Page (3½ x 5) \$125	
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	1/2 Page (5 x 7) \$175	

**Deadline for submission is Friday, March 19, 2021.**

- Submit copy of your ad either as a hard copy, camera-ready ad or email ad to: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org).
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just call us!
- **Payment must accompany Contract.**
- Advertisers will be sent a copy of the LIFESPAN Resource Book *\*upon request only\**.
- LIFESPAN reserves the right to refuse any advertisement that it deems unsuitable.

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Advertiser/Business \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Seller's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, please send me a copy of the 2021 LIFESPAN Resource Book.

Call the Main Office to use a Credit Card or mail checks payable to:

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Ed Fund**

**32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305**

**For further information, call: 734.524.0162 or email: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org)**

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## Put your special photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book



Purchase a special ad to recognize the accomplishments of someone special! It's a great way to acknowledge a graduate, retirement, anniversary, 1st Communicant, scout troop, special teacher, etc! Purchase a 1/8-page ad to feature your children, grandchildren or other special someone in *Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2021*. **Photo Ads are tax-deductible!** Fill out the form for photo ads below and send \$45 with a non-professional photo, along with the names of those pictured, or other desired caption, to: ***Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305***. All picture ads must be received by **March 19, 2021**. If you would like your pictures returned, include a self-

addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer to e-mail your photo, you may send them in JPEG format to [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org) (with "LIFESPAN Photo" in the subject line) and mail your check to the above LIFESPAN address. For more information, call *Right to Life - LIFESPAN's* Main Office at 734.524.0162.

### Yes! Please include my photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2021!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My photo and check are enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ My photo will be sent by e-mail; enclosed is my check.

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Be a LIFESPAN Patron!

### Resource Book 2021 Patron Ads:

☐ Gold Patron \$100

☐ Silver Patron \$50

☐ Bronze Patron \$10

☐ Memorial Patron \$10

Please PRINT name(s) exactly as you wish them to appear. Names of patrons in each of these categories will be listed on separate pages in the Resource Book 2020. **Patron Ads are tax-deductible; make checks payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.** Deadline for submission is **March 19, 2021**.

Patron Name(s) - Gold, Silver or Bronze \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Patron Name(s) (deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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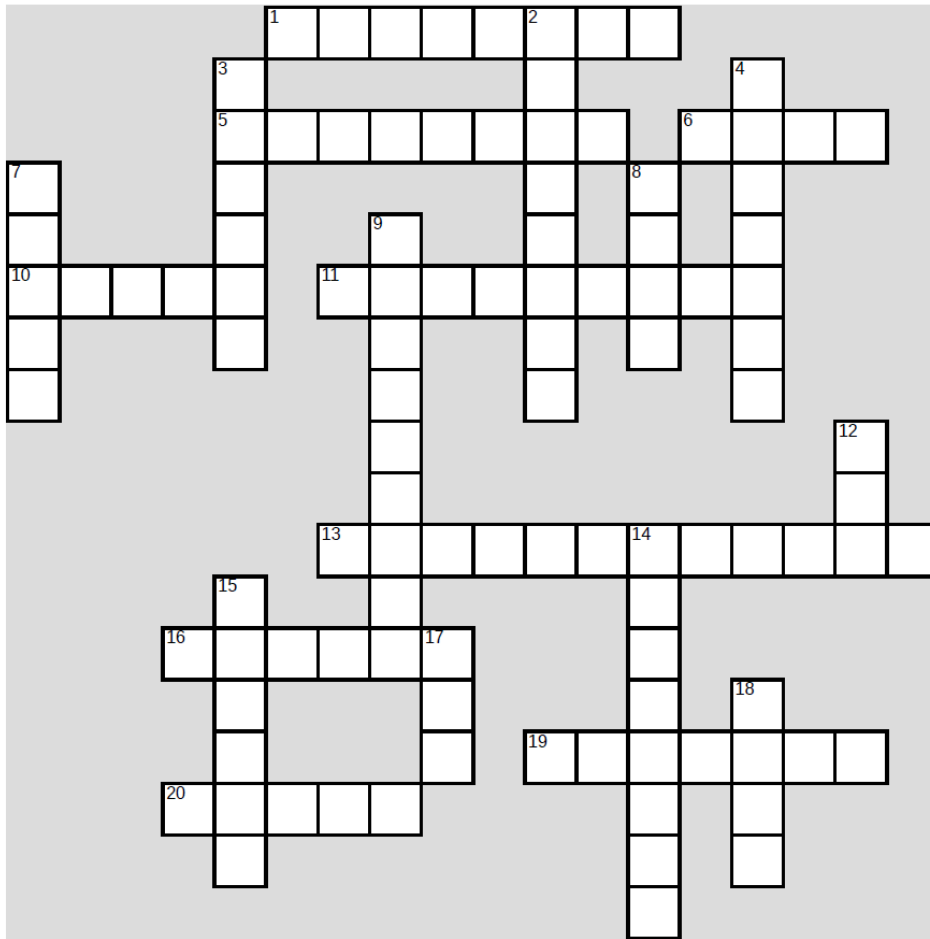
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# Puzzle the Pro-Lifer: Pro-Life, Pro-Love



## WORD LIST:

ABORTION  
 ADOPTION  
 ALL  
 CONVERSATION  
 EQUAL  
 FAMILY  
 GOOD  
 JOHNSON  
 LIFE  
 PRO  
 QUESTIONS  
 SPECIAL  
 STUDENTS  
 SURVIVORS  
 TERESA  
 TREAT  
 VINEYARD  
 WOMEN  
 WORK  
 YELLOW

### Across

- 1 Rachel's \_\_\_\_ holds retreats to help post-abortive women heal
- 5 A loving, alternative option to abortion
- 6 When praying outside abortion mills, remember those who \_\_\_\_ within the mill
- 10 "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created \_\_\_\_..."
- 11 Abortion Survivors Network provides social and emotional support to abortion \_\_\_\_ and their families
- 13 When engaging in \_\_\_\_ with those who aren't pro-life, always be civil and kind, and listen
- 16 "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." - Mother \_\_\_\_ of Calcutta
- 19 Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st! Wear blue and yellow, or send a card to a \_\_\_\_ Ed. teacher
- 20 Former abortion worker, Abby Johnson, started Pro-Love Ministries, which connects resources to pregnant \_\_\_\_ and pro-life organizations

### Down

- 2 Every woman who chose \_\_\_\_ in the past should be shown compassion
- 3 Caring for elderly \_\_\_\_ members is a beautiful privilege
- 4 And Then There Were None (ATTWN) provides hope and healing for those used to work in the abortion industry. Founded by Abby \_\_\_\_
- 7 No matter how a person is living their life, we are called to \_\_\_\_ them with the dignity they inherently have
- 8 "To love is to will the \_\_\_\_ of another" Thomas Aquinas, 13th century
- 9 Rather than being focused on refuting arguments, ask \_\_\_\_, helping the person to self-reflect
- 12 To be truly pro-life is to be \_\_\_\_-love.
- 14 Project Rosie helps pregnant \_\_\_\_ choose life and still finish their degree
- 15 "Red or \_\_\_\_, black or white, they are precious in His sight"
- 17 Life is to be loved and respected at \_\_\_\_ stages
- 18 Caring for those who have a "lower quality of \_\_\_\_" gives us the opportunity to grow in love

# Planned Parenthood is now advocating for assisted suicide in New York

Editor's Note: Now PP supports death from 'womb' to 'tomb!'

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

**T**he state of New York is one of the latest to consider embracing assisted suicide. Senate Bill S3151A, or the Medical Aid in Dying Act, was originally introduced in 2017, but died in committee in March of 2018. Another version failed in 2019, yet Assemblyman Kevin Cahill has announced his intentions to resubmit the bill for consideration in 2021 — and one Planned Parenthood political action affiliate is showing its support.

Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts (PPESA) released its 2021 legislative priorities, which largely consisted of expanding abortion — but buried at the bottom was a passage linking abortion and assisted suicide under the “bodily autonomy” umbrella.

*The right to bodily autonomy and self-determination is not constrained to one aspect of being, but rather the spectrum of life. PPESA supports passage of the Medical Aid in Dying Act, to provide adults with the agency to make end-of-life decisions for themselves, with dignity and compassion.*

The notion of the “spectrum of life” adopted in Planned Parenthood’s wording bears a striking similarity to language used by the pro-life movement, which advocates for protecting human beings from womb to tomb. The difference, however, is that Planned Parenthood is arguing for the right to kill human beings at any age, from womb to tomb.

Cahill is looking to have the New York legislature approve a bill that would mandate the state Department of Health to study assisted suicide, the first step towards legalizing doctor-facilitated death. Yet doctors and even the New York Alliance Against Assisted Suicide have been protesting the assisted suicide bills in New York. Speaking before the Senate last year, these groups noted the myriad issues with allowing doctors to kill their patients.

Dr. Matthew Lynch, a neurologist, criticized the lack of safeguards in the bill, as well as the lack of training required for doctors to participate. “Just because a person is unimpaired when consenting to a script doesn’t mean they won’t be when they decide to take it,” he said before the Senate. “If I want to prescribe opioids in New York, I have to take a three hour course every three years; if I want to prescribe medical marijuana, I have to take a course and register with the Health Department. But if I want to prescribe death under this bill, I don’t need any

specific training.”

Palliative care specialist Dr. Mary-Ellen Edmiston asked lawmakers why they aren’t providing better options for sick and dying New Yorkers, and instead are simply focusing on death. “Hospice and palliative care as a medical specialty exists to help patients with life-limiting illness, experience the best quality of life possible as they face the reality of their own impending death,” she said. “There are alternatives to unwilling suffering. We hope to provide more aid in living rather than more aid in dying.”

Also criticizing the bill was Dr. Gregory Weston, an infectious disease specialist who argued that this would give insurance companies incentive to refuse payment for expensive treatments. “Doctor-assisted suicide is especially dangerous for those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, isolated, the elderly, and living with disabilities,” he said. “Those who are already marginalized and discriminated by our health care system.”

Kristen Hanson, whose husband J.J. Hanson publicly opposed assisted suicide during his fight with brain cancer, organized the rally, and spoke on his behalf. “Thankfully J.J. did not end his own life, but he said if he had those pills with him he might have taken them, and you cannot undo that,” she said, explaining that her husband lived over three years longer than doctors had originally predicted. Hanson, a former Marine, suffered from the same form of brain cancer as assisted suicide advocate Brittany Maynard, and openly spoke about the pressure legal assisted suicide places on people like him. He also criticized Maynard for using her illness as a means to legalize doctor-facilitated death, calling it “a bad example for others who had this form of brain cancer, explaining that “fewer people going into clinical trials” actually “removes a large part of the ability to fight against disease.”

Yet Hanson fought bravely, and never stopped speaking out about how people who choose not to die are still living full lives. His wife now carries on his legacy for him. “I was told you don’t have an option,” he said in an interview. “You can die dignified if you commit suicide.... To me it just doesn’t make sense. It’s kind of a reflection of where our society is.”

- January 13, 2021, [LiveAction.org](https://www.liveaction.org)



# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## Email Addressed

Since we all do so much communicating via email these days, I am asking a big favor of all of you. Could you/would you please email me your correct email address? It seems that folks change their email addresses almost as often as they change their clothes and then we cannot reach you with time sensitive information. I am not trying to criticize the postal service, but I received a Christmas card mailed from Chicago on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at my home on January 12<sup>th</sup>! Now I have heard of a slow boat to China, but this card never left the country!! We use your email address very sparingly, and only when we have something important to tell you. We do not send out weekly messages, that can clutter up your inbox. And, we respect your privacy and NEVER share your personal information with ANYONE! The Oakland Macomb email address is [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)

## More Communication

It seems that it will be more difficult to receive pro-life information in the days to come. Many of the usual sources have been shut down by the platform that

carried their messages. As of this date, Lifeneews.com is still up and able to send information. There are apparently several other sites, but we need to do more investigating before recommending them to you. For now, Lifeneews.com and our own website, [milifespan.org](http://milifespan.org), will have accurate pro-life information.

## Generous Members

We would like to thank those of you who remembered us at Christmas time with donations for our work. Many of you were very generous and we could not function without your support. The coming days may be very difficult for those who respect human life and seek to protect it and we must find ways to get the pro-life message to the public. Your donations give us a chance to do just that. We are truly grateful.

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## Reflection on our Mission

Peace be with you! *RTL-LIFESPAN* and the wider pro-life movement are dedicated to the peaceful, just, and compassionate messages to "Love Life" and protect the God-given right to life of all humans from conception to natural death. All humans deserve to be treated with dignity at all times! As such, all violence and hatred is abhorrent to our mission.

As pro-lifers, we vow to treat all people with dignity even, and perhaps especially, those who disagree with us and promote violence against life through abortion, euthanasia, experimentation on human embryos, and human trafficking. We will stand for life no matter what, but always out of love. After all, conversion is the centerpiece of the stories of many of our greatest pro-life leaders. Join us in praying for forgiveness and conversion from all sins against life and human dignity on behalf of all Americans and all government officials of these United States.

## Thank You for Letting your Light Shine!

Thank you for inspiring us with your participation in the Luminaries for Life on the night of January 21,

the Rose Mass and ceremony at Our Lady of Good Counsel on January 27 and revving up those engines to tell everyone "I Love Life" on January 30 at the first ever Motor City Caravan for Life. We witnessed this life-giving message to anyone on Woodward Avenue between Bloomfield Hills and Campus Martius in downtown Detroit.

## This Month

February is a relatively quiet month around our office. Anyone who generously donated money to our chapter during 2020 should receive a letter of appreciation and acknowledgement for tax purposes in the mail by the end of February. For all those who served as Church Representatives or volunteered in our office in 2020, we have been distributing attractive *LIFESPAN* tote bags as humble tokens of our appreciation to you since mid-January.

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Wayne County



## Wee Care

Dear Friends,

"What the World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love"! In 1998, Dionne Warwick sang that song and in no time in current history is it more relevant! That truly is what our world needs - what our moms need and what our babies need!

Other than prayer, we can't do much about the world situation (we tried voting!), but in our little corner of the world - we can do great things!

We can let a mom know that she is loved - that there is help available - that she is not alone.

We can provide for her precious baby and treat her with dignity.

We can connect her with support groups that can give her confidence to care for her child.

We can supply clothing, diapers, blankets, bottles and so much more so that her little one is diapered, fed and warm when snuggled in her mom's arms.



Together, we can change the world - one mom at a time. We can make a difference in their lives and give them - Love Sweet Love.

And, speaking of love, Happy Valentine's Day! Hope it is a day filled with hugs and kisses and laughter and of course, chocolate!!

Love, Karen

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Karen Patrosso, Director

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## Youth Report

Greetings to all students of every age, young adults, parents, teachers, campus ministers, religious education teachers, youth group leaders, deacons, pastors, priests, and all others receiving this February Newsletter!

Were you able to participate in RTL-LIFESPAN's Motor City Caravan for Life on January 30th? How about any other pro-life events going on in our state during the month of January? If you'd like to share any stories with us and/or pictures of what you participated in and how it affected you, please send a separate email to oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and in the subject line put: PRO-LIFE STORY. Be sure you tell us your name, if you're a student or an adult, and what event you participated in. With your permission, we would like to include it in our next Newsletter!

Other pro-life events coming up in your area include:

Annual Baby Shower (see Cover)

National Pro-Life Chalk Day (see page 8)

FYI: The Students for Life of America event, National Pro-Life Chalk Day, will be on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>! You can check chalk

off your list by contacting your local **LIFESPAN** Youth Director. Lynn Gura is based at the Oakland/Macomb Counties Chapter, 248-816-1546, and Anne Marie Reiff is based at the Wayne County Chapter, 734-855-0464. National Pro-Life Chalk Day is a super terrific way to leave a lasting impression on hundreds of people who will pass by the messages. You can go online to [studentsfor-life.org](http://studentsfor-life.org) for more details and slogans.

LOVE LIFE!

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# Abortion Was the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2020, Killing 42.6 Million People

By Steven Ertelt

**M**ore human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2020, a new report indicates.

A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate that there were over 42.6 million abortions world-wide in 2020. The independent site collects data from governments and other reputable organizations and then reports the data, along with estimates and projections, based on those numbers. It reveals 42,655,372 people died from abortions in 2020.

When contrasting the abortion numbers to other causes of death, including cancer, HIV/AIDS, traffic accidents and suicide, abortions far outnumbered every other cause.

By contrast, 8.7 million people died from cancer in 2020, 5 million from smoking, 13 million from disease, and 1.7 million died of HIV/AIDS. Deaths by malaria and alcohol are also recorded.

And when compared to the coronavirus, the number of people dying from abortions dwarfs the number of coronavirus deaths. Worldometers indicates that 1,830,979 people died from the coronavirus worldwide in 2020. There is considerable question as to whether those figures are accurate, as the CDC and state figures in the United States indicate 40-50% of deaths from the coronavirus aren't actually directly resulted from the virus itself, but are of people who had the virus and died from some other cause.

But assuming the figures are accurate and not adjusting for overcounting, abortion is 23.2 times more deadly than the coronavirus.

Worldometers estimates about 59.6 million deaths world-wide in 2020, but that number does not include unborn babies' abortion deaths. Unborn babies are not recognized as human beings even though biology indicates that they are unique, living human beings from the moment of conception and they die brutal, violent deaths in abortions.

The abortion number is incomprehensible, but each of those 45.6 million abortions worldwide in 2020 represents a living human being whose life was violently destroyed in their mother's womb. Each unborn baby already had their own unique DNA, making them distinct from their mother. That DNA indicated if the child was a boy or girl, their eye and hair color, their height, possible genetic disorders and other disabilities, and much more. In most cases, the unborn babies' hearts are beating when they are aborted, too.

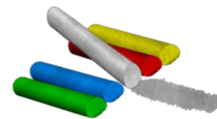
In America, just under 1 million babies are aborted every year. Though abortion rates have been dropping in the past decade, abortion remains the leading cause of death in the United States as well.

An estimated 62 million unborn babies have been killed in abortions in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade in 1973. In January, pro-life advocates will gather for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. to remember the anniversary of that infamous decision and call for restored protections for the unborn.

- January 1, 2021, LifeNews.com

## NATIONAL PRO-LIFE CHALK DAY!

Tuesday, March 23, 2021



ABORTION  
HURTS WOMEN

Love them both!

A baby's heart begins to  
beat at 21 days!



ON THIS DAY, STUDENTS TAKE TO THE STREETS,  
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES. PRO-LIFE WORDS  
AND SLOGANS ARE WRITTEN ALL OVER THE SIDEWALKS.



THIS EVENT IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO DRAW  
ATTENTION TO PRO-LIFE FACTS AND SHED  
LIGHT ON WAYS TO FIND HELP.

Does your group need chalk?

Contact:

Lynn Gura at the Oakland/Macomb Counties Chapter:

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Anne Marie Reiff at the Wayne County Chapter:

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Email: [youth@milifefspan.org](mailto:youth@milifefspan.org) or [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)





## Ann Regis Sands

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Ann Sands who passed away December 15, 2020.

Ann was President of Right to Life - LIFESPAN through the decade of the nineties. From 1990 to 1999, Ann directed the LIFESPAN organization with grace, efficiency and a love of the pro-life movement. She led us through many new projects and worked well with all those with whom she came in contact.

Ann also worked, prior to her LIFESPAN presidency, as Wayne County Chapter Director and then also Treasurer of the

LIFESPAN organization. Her dedication to the cause was evidenced by her unceasing volunteerism in this movement.

Ann was born in Bethesda, MD and spent the majority of her childhood living in Florida. She was a devout Catholic and brought her respect for all of God's children to her daily work in the pro-life movement. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Accounting. These gifts were used to help LIFESPAN navigate through our financial challenges, especially during the early years.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to her beloved family - which was always her first priority. Ann is survived by her husband, Ken, her sister, Mary Ellen, and brother, Chris (Jean), her three daughters, Jennifer (Gary), Rebecca (Brian) and Mary (Oscar), her son, Michael (Teresa) and 14 wonderful grandchildren.

Rest in peace, Ann, and thank you for your many years working for LIFESPAN and the pro-life movement.

## 2021 Silent Auction & Gift Card Tree

### Items Needed!

Every year at our *Celebration of Life* Dinner, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Gift Card Tree. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

- Accommodations at tourist destinations
- Restaurant Gift Cards (Red Lobster, Outback, etc.)
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Golf Packages
- Family-Friendly places to visit
- Specialty/Department Store Gift Cards

Monetary donations will be put to good use; donate any amount and an auction item will be created in your name. Please go to [miLIFESPAN.org/donate](https://miLIFESPAN.org/donate) to donate online or call the Main Office at 734-524-0162 for more information.

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends of Life,

Thomas Paine made his famous remarks in 1776: "these are the times that try men's souls!" The American Revolution still had years to go. It ended in 1789. Why do I bring this up? Because we are living in these "trying times". Pro-life supporters may be despondent and discouraged by the events of the past years, especially the past 6 months. Many are isolated due to COVID-19, many have been affected by the disease. The political events, the burning down of our cities, the loss of human life have been very unsettling and depressing. It is important to put everything into perspective; these are hard times, the future is unknown, the outcomes of the election are yet to be experienced, the COVID-19 virus is still in the population affecting many people (its life cycle unknown). Our world and its people have experienced these hard times in the past - they have survived! We will also survive - why? Because no matter how much we want to be able to control events, they often take on a life of their own and it is taken out of our hands. The one thing that's certain, by those of us who are believers, is that God is in control! He does not always expect us to understand but, He does expect us to know and fight for the "TRUTH". Today's events are even more reason for digging in and being steadfast in our beliefs.

We in this movement are pro-life. They can shut off our mics, they can shut down our social media sites, they can infiltrate our schools, churches, government, and media sources, but they cannot take away our voice within our homes and among our friends and family. Do not let your voices be silenced! Just as Thomas Paine spoke out in 1776, his life was full of strife until 1789 and maybe beyond. Yet he, and many during this time, worked hard to bring liberty to America. We must continue also to work for our beliefs and promoting the "truth": Abortion stops a beating heart; euthanasia medication kills the sick and elderly; many moms and their newborns need help; post-abortion depression is real and causing so much pain to so many women. So, we must stay pro-life and work hard to bring back a respect for human life, no matter how long it takes.

Stay strong, do not let discouragement impede your work. We will get through this - but it will take time. Let go - let God do His work through us. May we all have the courage to continue with joy!!

— Diane Fagelman  
President  
Right to Life - LIFESPAN

## Donations have been made -

*In Memory of:*

**Margaret Caleal**

**LIFESPAN's Mother of the Year 2004**

Given by: Rosemary Inch

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## **Twitter Starts Massive Purge of Pro-Life Conservative Accounts, Claiming “Harmful Activity”**

*By Mary Margaret Olohan*

**T**witter is massively purging conservative accounts in the aftermath of the Capitol riot.

The social media website began cracking down on Twitter activity after rioters supporting President Donald Trump stormed the United States capitol Wednesday, committing acts of vandalism and postponing the certification process as members of Congress were forced to evacuate the building.

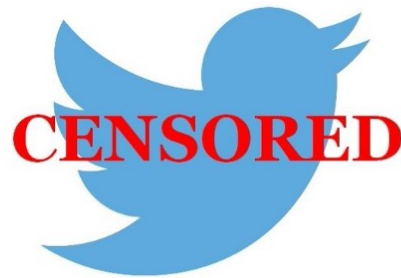
Conservative Twitter users began to voice complaints that their accounts were losing large quantities of followers beginning Wednesday. By Friday evening, numerous large conservative Twitter accounts had posted saying they had lost several thousand followers.

“It’s clear that Twitter is wiping out conservative accounts,” Daily Wire writer Matt Walsh tweeted. “That’s why your follower counts are going down. This is the biggest purge we’ve seen, and not the last.”

“I’m not sure if this is due to mass-nuking of conservative accounts by Twitter, conservatives leaving the platform voluntarily in protest of the Trump ban, or some combination of both, but accounts with large conservative followers are seeing a massive plunge in follower counts,” tweeted journalist Glenn Greenwald on Saturday morning.

Greenwald highlighted Twitter statistics from the Twitter accounts of the Daily Caller, the Federalist, Tucker Carlson, and Mollie Hemingway. The statistics he cited show that the Daily Caller was down almost 6,000 followers on Friday and down almost 29,000 on Saturday.

A Twitter spokesperson told the Daily Caller News Foundation Friday that Twitter has been suspending accounts “in line with our policy on Coordinated Harmful



Activity.”

“We’ve been clear that we will take strong enforcement action on behavior that has the potential to lead to offline harm, and given the renewed potential for violence surrounding this type of behavior in the coming days, we will permanently suspend accounts that are solely dedicated to sharing QAnon content,” Twitter told the DCNF.

Twitter declined to comment on how many accounts have been suspended, and the platform did not return a further request for comment Saturday morning regarding Greenwald’s observations.

The platform also temporarily suspended Trump Wednesday and then permanently suspended the president’s “RealDonaldTrump” account Friday evening. “After close review of recent Tweets from the @realDonaldTrump account and the context around them we have permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence,” Twitter said, according to CNN. “In the context of horrific events this week, we made it clear on Wednesday that additional violations of the Twitter Rules would potentially result in this very course of action.

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