

# WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS

## March 2021

Hello, Pro-life Heroes

Our *LIFESPAN* office will continue to be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-2pm or by appointment for the remainder of the winter. If you or a pro-lifer you know is a Bowler or Golfer, **we are looking for volunteers to join our Bowling and Golf event fundraising committees**. Both events are entering the planning stages for late summer. Youth volunteers are welcome too. Please call 734-422-6230 or e-mail our office at [wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org) or [tpruse@milifespan.org](mailto:tpruse@milifespan.org) to inquire about helping us to put on these exciting events.

The first ever Motor City Caravan for Life on Saturday, January 30 included more than 90 vehicles and paraded through Oakland and Wayne Counties right down Woodward Avenue. Our humble thanks to anyone who participated and gave witness to the right to life for the least of our brothers and sisters! A special thanks to Mark Cooper who drove in the caravan and donated the use of his digital display truck. A great turnout (the most people I've seen in a church since pre-pandemic days) witnessed and participated in the Rose Ceremony at Our Lady of Good Counsel on January 27. Thanks to all those who attended and participated by carrying roses in procession! Special thanks goes to Laurie and Ed Van Hoey for donating and delivering all the roses for the ceremony.

If you donated \$30 or more to *LIFESPAN* Wayne County Chapter in 2020, you should have received an acknowledgement of our gratitude and tax receipt either by mail or e-mail by mid-February. We will continue to distribute the reusable *LIFESPAN* tote bags to all 2020 volunteers who have yet to receive one.

We will be ordering future supplies for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and 2021 Christmas Cards by the end of March. There will be several new Christmas Cards for 2021. Chocolate bars will again be offered on Father's Day. For Mother's Day, we will be switching gears and joining the Oakland-Macomb Chapter in offering lovely carnations rather than chocolate roses. This decision was made partially because suppliers are still trying to pass on left-over 2020 inventory and because a lot of chocolate roses go unclaimed and expire each year. Carnations are also lower cost and more desirable in my opinion. Additionally, spring flowers have a clear connection to new life. **To help us determine the number of carnations to order, please contact our office by mid-March to place an estimate for how many flowers will be needed this year.** Let's hope the coming of Easter and continuing increase of the vaccinated population drives a surge of churchgoers returning to the pews.

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—Bishop Edward Malesic, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, OH

Yours in LIFE,

Timothy Pruse  
Wayne County Chapter Director

## Wayne County Chapter Church Notes March 2021



**March 6-7: Right to Life - LIFESPAN**     *Avoid Johnson & Johnson/AstraZeneca Vaccines*  
There is some ethical gray area around Covid-19 vaccinations because some of the vaccines *may* have been tested on cell lines derived from aborted babies. Those cell lines were derived decades ago and are in very **indirect** relationship with abortion, so most pro-lifers support the *Pfizer-BioNTech* and *Moderna* vaccines currently in use in the U.S. Importantly, those two approved vaccines and others in testing do **NOT** use abortion-derived cell lines in development or production. However two vaccines, ***Johnson & Johnson*** and ***AstraZeneca***, **DO** use abortion-derived cell lines in development and production and should be **avoided**. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was up for FDA approval on February 26, while the AstraZeneca vaccine is used in other countries. The pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute is a good research resource on vaccines (<https://lozierinstitute.org>). Call *LIFESPAN* at 734-422-6230 for more information.



**March 13-14: Right to Life – LIFESPAN**     *Abortion by any Name*  
The Biden Administration officially announced its domestic policy on abortion. The January 22, 2021 briefing which can be seen at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) states, “In the past four years, reproductive health, including the right to choose, has been under relentless and extreme attack.” It continues, “The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to codifying *Roe v. Wade* and appointing judges that...like *Roe*.” Codifying *Roe* refers to passing a Federal law legalizing abortion to strengthen the Supreme Court decision. The word abortion is never used in the statement, only Orwellian euphemisms such as choice and reproductive health. To learn how you can support a pro-life culture, Call *LIFESPAN* at 734-422-6230 or visit [www.milifespan.org](http://www.milifespan.org).



**March 20-21: Right to Life – LIFESPAN**     *Participate in National Pro-Life Chalk Day!*  
*LIFESPAN* is a proud supporter of Students for Life of America’s **National Pro-Life Chalk Day** upcoming on **Tuesday, March 23**. Bundle up the kids and grandkids and the child in yourself! Hit the sidewalks near you to share pro-life facts and ways for those facing troubled pregnancies to find help. Students can also chalk up school parking lots and playgrounds. Call Wayne County Youth Director **Anne Marie Reiff** at 734-855-0464 or e-mail [youth@milifespan.org](mailto:youth@milifespan.org) for chalk, ideas for pro-life messages, and additional details.



**March 27-28: Right to Life - LIFESPAN**     *“May We Side With Life”*  
Reminiscent of the mocking of Jesus during the Passion, pro-abortion protestors disrupted the January 22, 2021 Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, OH. The protestors rushed in with signs shouting obscenities at the attendees. Children were present and the service was being livestreamed to local Catholic schools as well. The protestors were eventually escorted out but remained to scream vitriol at the subsequent *Roe* Remembrance walk from the cathedral to the Ohio Statehouse. In attendance, Cleveland Bishop Edward Malesic beautifully stated, “*There is no hatred on this side of the fence. We won’t win this argument by yelling. We will win this argument by the strength of it...The Lord sets before us many choices. He asks us to take sides. May we side with life. May we side with beauty and peace and love and non-violence, including verbal non-violence.*” Whether we choose to actively support life or not, this cup cannot be passed and the mockers are as emboldened now as on that Friday afternoon 2,000 years ago.