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WAYNE COUNTY Church Notes

February 2022

Hello, Pro-life Heroes

Thank you so much for all of your fantastic public support for all human life from conception until natural death during all the AWESOME pro-life events in January!!! Thank you for attending and participating in the Rose Mass on January 19! Thank you for ordering and lighting luminaries on the night of January 21! Thank you for joining the 2nd Annual Motor City Caravan once again on January 22!

February and March are typically pretty quiet months around the office, so I will use this opportunity to give a brief State of the Chapter report. While a few years ago, the Chapter was hurting financially, it is now relatively safe to say that we have stabilized our budget and expect to be in the black for the third consecutive year in 2022. Office costs and overhead expenditures have been cut in the budget as much as possible. There was a lot of uncertainty headed into 2021 centered around Covid-19, but despite this, donations were higher than budgeted for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and General Donations. As a surprise bonus, we even received a most generous \$15,000 donation from a charitable trust late in 2021 which may allow us to expand offerings soon or save up to do so in the long-term.

Two long-time, valued Chapter Board members resigned in 2021: Barb Schmid and Carmen Mosquera. Both will be missed greatly. With 9 active Board members, we do not need to fill their positions, however please contact Tim if you feel a strong desire to serve on our Board. Cori Zyglinski has stepped up to serve as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Although the number of active volunteers is much lower now compared to before the pandemic, we receive and value all of your awesome assistance! Again, if you feel called to serve, we will welcome you with open arms!

Our current paid-up membership for 2022 has been ticking up daily, but we have approximately 150 Chapter members current with dues for 2022. This is a bit over 60% of our 2021 membership and we did expect this lag as we move to calendar year memberships rather than the traditional practice of rolling renewals based on membership anniversary dates. With follow-up operations this winter, we expect Chapter membership to remain stable between 225-250 households for 2022.

In terms of events, in 2021 we added the inaugural Links for Life Chapter Golf Outing and the inaugural Motor City Caravan for Life (a LIFESPAN, Inc. event, but led by our Chapter). We also implemented a Chapter Annual Appeal campaign. Many events cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic were restored in 2021. We also moved the Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon to June. Some adjustments to the timing of events will occur, but no major new initiatives are planned in 2022 as we will concentrate on growing and improving the core events and campaigns we operated in 2021.

"So there are...circumstances in which a decision may be overruled, properly overruled, when it must be overruled simply because it was egregiously wrong at the moment it was decided?" –Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito during the Dobbs Oral Arguments on 12/1/21

Yours in LIFE,

Timothy Pruse
Wayne County Chapter Director



Right to Life - LIFESPAN
presents

Be the Change

AN ENGAGING TRAINING SESSION FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ON PRO-LIFE TOPICS TO EQUIP THEM TO BE EFFECTIVE AND INFORMED ADVOCATES FOR THE PRE-BORN. INCLUDES A DELICIOUS PIZZA MEAL. \$10 REGISTRATION FEE.



Featuring:

Josiah Presley

Testimony of an Abortion Survivor

Trevor Pollo

End Abortion Through Dialogue

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
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2 LOCATIONS & 2 DATES

WAYNE COUNTY:

DIVINE CHILD CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

REGISTRATION: 4:00PM

EVENT: 4:30PM - 8:00PM

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

[myahcc.churchcenter.com/
registrations/events/1114822](https://myahcc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1114822)

OAKLAND COUNTY:

AUBURN HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

REGISTRATION: 9:30AM

EVENT: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

[myahcc.churchcenter.com/
registrations/events/1114857](https://myahcc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1114857)



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February 5-6: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

Chief Justice Roberts on Viability

Chief Justice John Roberts is reticent to change precedents and concerned with the prestige of the Court. Many analysts think Roberts may attempt to craft a narrow compromise in the *Dobbs* case allowing Mississippis 15-week ban on abortion to stand, while maintaining the core *Roe* precedent of the right to an abortion. Roberts made several statements pointing out that the viability rule was never directly at question in *Roe* and that *Casey* changed *Roe*'s focus on trimesters for abortion regulations to one focused on the viability of the baby. Roberts stated, "I'd like to focus on the 15-week ban because that's not a dramatic departure from viability. It is the standard the vast majority of other countries have. When you get to the viability standard, we share that standard with the People's Republic of China and North Korea." We hope Roberts is not the tie-breaking vote in *Dobbs*, but his openness to question the viability standard is better than the status quo. Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdtr@rtl-lifespanspan.org for more information.

February 12-13: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

Justice Kavanaugh on Neutrality

Justice Brett Kavanaugh's views on *Roe* and *Casey* were untested and considered with anxiety by pro-lifers before the *Dobbs* case. To overturn *Roe* would require the support of either Chief Justice Roberts or Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh signaled openness, "...the most consequential cases in this Court's history, there's a string of them where the cases overruled precedent." Even more positively, Kavanaugh stated, "As I understand it, you're arguing that the Constitution is silent and therefore, neutral on the question of abortion? In other words, that the Constitution is neither pro-life nor pro-choice on the question of abortion but leaves the issue for the people or the States or perhaps Congress to resolve in the democratic process?" Kavanaugh mentioned constitutional neutrality on abortion 6 more times and neutrality would require overturning *Roe*. Visit www.millifespanspan.org for more pro-life advocacy.

February 19-20: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*

Justice Barrett on the Burdens of Motherhood The newest Supreme Court Justice, Amy Coney Barrett, reassuringly questioned the justification for legal abortion in *Roe*. Barrett questioned, "...both *Roe* and *Casey* emphasize the burdens of parenting...the ways in which forced parenthood, forced mothering, would hinder women's access to the workplace and to equal opportunities...Why don't safe-haven laws take care of that problem?" Also mentioning adoption, she narrowed the justification for abortion, "...are you saying that the right as you conceive of it is grounded primarily in the bearing of the child, in the carrying of a pregnancy, and not so much looking forward into the consequences on professional opportunities and work life and economic burdens?" Note that Barrett essentially cornered those arguing for abortion into agreeing that the right to abortion has nothing to do with the difficulties of parenting or job opportunities for women or a child being born into "bad circumstances", but rather the simple inconvenience of carrying a pregnancy. Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail wcdtr@rtl-lifespanspan.org for volunteer opportunities.

February 26-27: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*
Justice Alito: Roe & Casey = Plessy
Justice Samuel Alito grilled attorneys Rikelman and Pregelar arguing on behalf of the abortionists in *Dobbs*. When Rikelman claimed that our common law tradition allowed abortion for centuries, Alito questioned, "Did any state constitutional provision recognize that abortion was a right, liberty, or immunity in 1868 when the 14th Amendment was adopted? Does any judicial decision at that time...recognize that abortion was a right, liberty, or immunity?" When asked to cite a specific case to back up her historical reference, Rikelman was unable to name even one. Since the 14th Amendment is often pointed to as the hidden source of the right to abortion, Alito made it clear that intent did not exist at the time. Alito then used the example of *Plessy v. Ferguson* upholding racial segregation to maneuver U.S. Solicitor General Pregelar into implicitly agreeing to Alito's phrasing, "So there are...circumstances in which a decision may be overruled, properly overruled, when it must be overruled simply because it was egregiously wrong at the moment it was decided?" Bravo Justice Alito! See www.millifespanspan.org for more.



Right to Life – LIFESPAN'S 33rd Annual Baby Shower Sunday, March 13, 2022 *

(*unless different date noted)

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers

Baby showers will be held at the following locations.

More locations are added almost daily!! Visit millifespanspan.org for updates!

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

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

In alphabetical order by City:

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
581 E. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson

**** Gift Card Collection**

Church of the Divine Child

1055 N. Silver Lane, Dearborn

Saturday/Sunday, March 5/6 &

Saturday/Sunday, March 12/13

St. Sabina Catholic Church

2555 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Hts.

Saturday/Sunday, March 12/13

St. Colette Catholic Church

17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia

St. Edith Catholic Church

15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia

Our Lady of Refuge

3750 Commerce Rd., Orchard Lake

St. Kenneth Church

14951 Haggarty Rd., Plymouth

*Sat/Sun, March 26/27, April 2/3 & April 9/10

Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church

17116 Olympia, Redford

*Saturday/Sunday, March 5/6 &

Saturday/Sunday, March 12/13

St. Mary Catholic Church

730 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak

St. William Catholic Church

531 Common, Walled Lake

*TBD (After Easter)

Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church

32500 Palmer Rd., Westland

*Sunday March 13: Traditional

Shower at 1:00 - 3:00 pm



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!



Don't see your
Church listed?
Call the Main
Office today to
register!