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## mother

[muht<sup>h</sup>-er] **noun**

one person who does the work of twenty, for free



# Be the Change

March  
2022



**What did you think about Josiah Presley's testimony?**

*"I thought the story of his family and how they adopted so many children was amazing and inspiring."*

*"It was very touching how Josiah uses his life to help others like him."*

*"The adoption of 11 of the 12 kids in his family (Josiah being one of them) was a truly beautiful addition to his story!"*



*"With both speakers, it was gratifying to see how the students were thinking about these important matters and taking to heart the importance of being witnesses to the pro-life challenge today—and tomorrow."*



*"The day's tempo first took shape with the participants' enthusiastic response to our LIFESPAN table in the lobby. The young people appeared to really love all the educational items we had to offer in the form of hats, scarves, magazines, pencils, info cards and pamphlets, water bottles and much more."*



**Thanks to Divine Child. They were a very gracious & accommodating host on Friday evening. The venue was perfect for the size of this event and Pastor Fr. Bob McCabe attended much of the event as well.**





**What did you think about Trevor Pollo's presentation?**

*"Great information about making logical arguments and not being afraid to have the conversation."*

*"Awesome! Loved his Human Rights argument."*



**A special thanks to Pastor Steve of the Auburn Hills Christian Center, who so graciously gave us use of this facility on Saturday to hold the event! It's a very good place for hosting!**



**It is with the young people in mind that we do what we do, and it is our hope that events like "Be the Change" can play a meaningful part in planting seeds that will grow throughout their lives so that they may continue to be dedicated and stalwart champions for the Culture of Life.**

**If you want to be on the list to find out information about the next "Be the Change" event, please email Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org).**

# 1,000th Ultrasound Machine Dedicated

By Andrew Fowler

**M**ANASSAS, Va. — The Knights of Columbus has donated its 1,000th ultrasound machine to pregnancy centers around the world, fulfilling a 10-year initiative to give millions of babies a chance at life.

This 10-year program started with a donation of two life-saving ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers in 2009. On Jan. 14, Knights from Father Herman J. Vegar Council 5561 in Warrenton, Va., donated machine 1,000 to the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic in Manassas, Va.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was present at the unveiling of the new machine, along with representatives from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Anderson said that the Knights' Ultrasound Initiative is the greatest humanitarian effort the organization has ever undertaken.

"Today represents a very concrete way in which millions of lives are changed for the better by the Catholic community coming together and volunteering together," said Anderson. "What greater legacy can a person have than to save a child's life?"

The Ultrasound Initiative is a staple of the Faith In Action program developed by the Knights of Columbus. Over \$49 million in machines have been donated to pro-life pregnancy centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, as well as Brazil, Canada, Jamaica, Peru and Africa.

"I am grateful for the collective efforts of our Knights to help achieve this monumental goal," said Anderson. "We look forward to reaching many more milestones as we continue to strive to save the lives of vulnerable unborn children."

The Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic used to be the Amethyst Health Center, a pro-choice facility that provided abortion procedures. But when an opportunity arose to purchase the building, a group of Catholic entrepreneurs from several parishes in and around Manassas formed a charitable trust called the BVM Foundation. The foundation raised the money to purchase the clinic and transform it into a life-saving facility.

"What we have now is the antithesis of an abortion clinic," said Jim Koehr, a member of the BVM Foundation. "We have a clinic that doesn't try to fix one life by ending another life. We have a clinic that serves the whole woman and all of her needs."

Koehr is an active member of Council 5561. Once the Mother of Mercy Clinic was established, he reached out to his brother Knights in the council to see if they could fund an ultrasound machine for the new facility. The council had just donated an ultrasound machine to nearby Warrenton Pregnancy Center in Warrenton, Va. The council raised more than \$20,000 for the ultrasounds, as well as training for the volunteer medical staff.

Director of Warrenton Pregnancy Center Katherine Adams noted that the Knights' donation and training has helped share her clinic's message that "life is not a disease, there are options available."

Both the ultrasound and training helped establish a close relationship between the Knights and the pro-life centers in the area.

"I feel as the director of this center that I have a great relationship with our Knights, that I can reach out to them and tell them what our needs are and they will do its darnedest to help me," Adams said.

After the ultrasound was given to the Warrenton Pregnancy Center, the council followed up with Koehr's suggestion to help the Mother of Mercy Free Clinic. Operated by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, the clinic is staffed by volunteer health care professionals, serving an estimated 4,500 low-income men and women without healthcare insurance in the Manassas area. It offers mental health counseling, pregnancy and adoption services and emergency services for those who might be facing eviction.

Together these two machines make the 999th and 1,000th machines donated by the Knights around the world.

"We are thrilled at the opportunity to provide not just one, but a second one. To be the 1,000th, to have that distinction as well, it certainly provides us with a little bit of pride and satisfaction that we are fulfilling our goal as Knights," said Bill Anzenberger, grand knight of Council 5561. "This pregnancy center would not have been able to achieve funding for this ultrasound machine in the timeliness that it occurred without the assistance of the Knights of Columbus."

The impact of the ultrasound was immediate. A pregnant woman arrived at the clinic while the machine was being donated in an attempt to get an abortion. However, one of the center's volunteers convinced her to return the next day for an ultrasound appointment.



***SAVE THE DATE!!***

Come spend a memorable  
evening at our

# ***Fundraising Dinner & Auction***

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan**

**Auction Opens at 5:30 pm • Dinner Begins at 7:15 pm**

*LIFESPAN is not charging for this event, but please understand that this is the most important fundraiser of the year.  
We hope that you can join us and help us continue our efforts to protect all human life.*

***Stay Tuned to future Newsletters for Updates***

## ***2022 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:

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# Jaw-dropping: Pro-abortion counselors claim preborn babies can consent to their abortions

Editor's Note: Just When You Think You Have Heard It All!!!

By Sarah Terzo

“Conscious Abortion: Engaging the Fetus in a Compassionate Dialogue” in the *Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health*, psychologist Claudette Nantel encourages women to communicate with their baby before an abortion, tell them how much they love them, say goodbye, and even get their child’s *permission* for the abortion.

Really.

Nantel admits the baby’s humanity, defining “fetus” as “an unborn baby in its mother’s womb, at any time from conception to birth.”<sup>1</sup>

## “A heart-to-heart conversation”

“Conscious abortion” hinges on the belief that the baby in the womb can “hear” and understand the woman’s thoughts and even telepathically communicate back. Family doctor G McGarey suggested<sup>2</sup> that someone having an abortion should have “a heart-to-heart conversation with her baby in the womb, explaining how this is not a good time for her to raise a child, reassuring them that they are deeply loved.”<sup>3</sup>

According to McGarey, it’s important for women to make sure their babies know they love them... *before they have them dismembered or poisoned*. McGarey has guided women through the process and says many of her colleagues use it.

Several other counselors tell women with unwanted pregnancies to ask their baby to leave the womb. PH Fairfield instructs the following: “With deep love and concern, ask [the baby] to leave. Let yourself feel the divine love and connection with them, then tell them that it is not time for them to come in, or that you would like them to come back at a later time.”<sup>4</sup>

It is hoped, then, the baby will choose to leave, and the woman will miscarry. If not, then they believe abortion is needed to complete the process.

Another practitioner, M Axness, says women having abortions should communicate with the baby “through prayer, imagination, art, letter, dance, song – a level of communication with the newly arrived being in their wombs through which they explain to the baby that it isn’t the right time for him or her to come and that it is necessary to separate.”<sup>5</sup>

## Ask for consent and wait for “a response of agreement”

HH Watkins has women with unwanted pregnancies ask the baby to consent to the abortion. The child, according to Watkins and Nantel, will then telepathically com-



municate to the mother that they agree to be aborted. Watkins instructs women to:

**visualize the fetus, express their conflict about the pregnancy, then wait for a response (feeling, hearing, and seeing). The women were encouraged to repeat this exercise at home, and when/if they felt a response of agreement from the fetus, to visualize the fetus leaving their body.**<sup>6</sup>

She says this leads the women to have “a deeper sense of self, more respect for life, and positive feelings about a better-timed future pregnancy through the process of dialogue with their baby.”<sup>7</sup> Presumably, all these blessings will come after the abortion.

Nearly every time Watkins did this exercise, the mother allegedly “heard” the baby agree to be aborted. Obviously, this was what they *wanted* to “hear.” Under Watkins’ influence, the women convinced themselves their babies accepted being aborted. All of the babies “consented” to their violent deaths – except one.

One woman “heard” the child say no.

After getting this “answer,” the woman responded, “You don’t mean that?”

Watkins recalls what happened next:

**[She] continued the process of weeping and talking to the fetus at home until there was only silence in response. She concluded the fetus accepted her intended surgical intervention. She began the abortion visualization, but no miscarriage occurred.**

**The surgical intervention was accomplished without complication, healing was rapid, and the client felt little or no remorse. She knew at all levels she had made the appropriate decision for herself.**<sup>8</sup>

So apparently the baby, by his or her silence, consented to be aborted after all.

## Twisting reality

One woman had three abortions. Of the first child, she said, “I was young and much more centered on myself and my life circumstances than on the baby. I was not really in contact with this baby.”<sup>9</sup>

But with the other two, “I was able to go inside myself and have an intimate relationship with these two babies.”<sup>10</sup>

She thinks her children existed for the purpose of telling her to leave the man she was with, and says:

**I never felt I was doing them harm. Just before the abortion for each of them, I asked the lady who showed me the ultrasound screen to give me five minutes alone with the baby, before the intervention.**

**I spoke to each of them in a fluid, soft manner, more like saying, ‘Thank you, see you later...’ The ultrasound screen conversations were way of recognizing the relationship, expressing my gratitude...**

**It was so clear for me that these two children had not come to me saying, ‘Let me be born.’<sup>11</sup>**

In this woman’s mind, her babies existed solely for her – to give her a life lesson. She says, “These babies helped me, and I acted on what they helped me with. I honored them. And they had a tremendous healing effect on the guilt and angst which I carried a long time during and after my first abortion.”<sup>12</sup>

After they gave her that lesson, they could be discarded.

To avoid guilt, she convinced herself that her children were content to be discarded. After all, they had served their purpose.

According to her, her aborted babies were “beings who were my equals, partners in learning.”<sup>13</sup>

The possibility that these “equals” could have a right to life of their own never occurred to her.

Note also the euphemism being used in these cases — “intervention” rather than abortion.

The phenomenon of “conscious abortion” is about twisting reality to make abortion acceptable, even while admitting it’s killing babies. If doctors, counselors, and women having abortions believe the baby has no objections, they don’t have to feel guilty.

The article isn’t clear on how widespread the practice of “conscious abortion” is, but quotes multiple practitioners of it, some of whom reveal that their colleagues are doing it as well. The article even quotes a French woman who works in an abortion facility and does this exercise with women before their abortions.

- 1) Claudette Nantel “Conscious Abortion: Engaging the Fetus in a Compassionate Dialogue” *Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health* 35 (2) Summer 2021:
- 2) G McGarey *Born to Live* (Inkwell Productions 2008) 59 – 60
- 3) Claudette Nantel “Conscious Abortion...” 10
- 4) PH Fairfield “Conscious Abortion” and the Idea of Abortion Itself” *Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health*, 20 (4): 2006:346

- 5) M Axness “To Be or Not to Be: Prenatal Origins of the Existential “Yes” v. The Self Struggle” *Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health* 31 (2): 155
- 6) Claudette Nantel “Conscious Abortion...” 13
- 7) HH Watkins “Treating the Trauma of Abortion” *Journal of Pre-and Perinatal Psychology and Health* 1 (2) 1986: 136
- 8) HH Watkins “Treating the Trauma of Abortion” 137
- 9) Claudette Nantel “Conscious Abortion...” 17
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- 11) Ibid., 15
- 12) Ibid.
- 13) Ibid.

- NRL News Today, February 11, 2022

## 2022 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

**Spring Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day**  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

**Mother’s Day Fundraiser**  
Sunday, May 8, 2022

**Father’s Day Fundraiser**  
Sunday, June 19, 2022

**Youth Bus Trip Registration**  
September - October, 2022

**National Day of Remembrance**  
Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Life Chain**  
Sunday, October 1, 2022

**Annual Dinner & Auction**  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

## LIGHTS FOR LIFE

*Please note: These Honorees were mistakenly listed as Memorials on the Lights for Life Tree List in January 2022*

### IN HONOR OF:

★Lucy Chesney, Fr. Patrick Stoffer, OFM,  
James McLaughlin, given by C. A. Ontko★



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# LIFESPAN Chapter News

## Be The Change

Once again, our young people were able to hear and talk with two wonderful people who helped them understand how to answer questions from those who do not respect human life and to hear from a young man who knows firsthand what it means to survive an abortion. Congratulations to those who presented their stories and those who came to hear it. Finding time from a busy schedule to attend a special program is not always easy. Those who attended are truly part of the Pro-Life Generation.

## Spreading the Word

If you would like to help promote a respect for Life, we would welcome your participation as a LIFESPAN Representative to your faith community. You would help promote our programs and events to the members of your community & make sure that your administration knows about us and what we do. It is not very time-consuming, but so very necessary. If you are already familiar with our activities, programs, and purpose, maybe you would consider coming to a board meeting or two (one hour only on the 4th Tuesday of the month), see what we do and decide to become a board member. All are welcome—

## Mother's Day Helpers

Believe it or not, it will soon be May!! We are always pleased to offer a live carnation blossom to our LIFESPAN Representatives for the moms in their faith communities. Each blossom is "tagged" with a colorful ribbon that bears the message "Thanks Mom, for Life." We need volunteers to put the tags on the ribbons. This is a great opportunity for religious education activities or for anyone with a little time on their hands. Listening to a book on tape and tagging the ribbons is a pleasant way to spend an evening. If you would like to help with this, please call the office, 248-816-1546, and we can help you help us.

## Election Time

We will have elections on November 8th. The Primary election is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember, no one gets on the November ballot who has not won their primary election. Be sure to cast your ballot in the Primary in order to be able to vote for your favorite candidate in November.

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Diane Trombley, Director

Lynn Gura, Office Staff/Youth Director

## Searching for a New Wayne County Youth Director

LIFESPAN is searching for a dynamic individual to be our new Wayne Chapter Youth Director. The Wayne Chapter Youth Director will lead LIFESPAN's **Generation Truth** youth program within the Chapter. The Wayne Chapter Youth Director will collaborate with the Wayne Chapter Director and Oakland/Macomb Youth Director to increase youth membership and programs within the Chapter. It is a part-time position averaging 10 hours/week with salary negotiable depending on experience and skills. It is a perfect position for a current part-time or volunteer youth minister, stay-at-home parent, or recent retiree with a passion for the pro-life cause, youth, and the ability to build relationships.

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Build and Maintain a Chapter Youth database and manage Generation Truth social media accounts.
- Continually work to increase youth members by contacting and forming relationships with schools, church leaders, youth directors, students, parents, and home schoolers.
- Report on monthly youth activities to the Wayne Chapter Board of Directors and Right to Life-LIFESPAN Board of Directors.

- Plan & implement age-appropriate programs that educate through fun activities such as the Be the Change local pro-life youth conference, Pro-Life Chalk Days, and participation in LIFESPAN's annual Youth in Motion bus trip to the National March for Life.
- Knowledge of or willingness to learn Microsoft Publisher to create marketing materials is a plus.

Please contact Wayne County Chapter at [734-422-6230](tel:734-422-6230) for more information and/or send your resume to [tpurse@milifespan.org](mailto:tpurse@milifespan.org).



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## Wee Care

Spring! Did we ever think it would get here? Spring is probably my favorite season - so full of hope and new life and new possibilities. The dreary days are replaced with sunshine, the flowers poke their heads through the brown, muddy earth and bulky, heavy coats come off - sometimes revealing a beautiful expectant mother!

We have many moms expecting their precious babies this spring. Because of you, their thoughts are not troubled. They are not worried about how they can provide the much needed necessities, nor are they dreading giving birth and not knowing how they will ever care for their child. Instead, your gifts have replaced worries with joy and fears with excitement and anticipation. Knowing that help is available and that strangers care about them fills their spring with hope as they anticipate the new life growing inside of them.

Thank you for all you do to give hope and love to our moms! May your Spring be filled with sunshine and overflow with happiness!



Love, Karen

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## Youth Report

Happy Spring to all of you!

It was super great to have Trevor Pollo from Protect Life Michigan and Josiah Presley from Abortion Survivors Network speak at our **Be the Change** event that took place on Friday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at Divine Child High School and **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Auburn Hills Christian Center. We had a good mix of Jr. High, High School, College Students, young adults, parents, teachers, DRE's and youth group leaders at the event! Please see pages 2 & 3 for comments from attendees and pictures from the event! If you want information for our next **Be the Change 2023**, please let me know! I will add you to the list and update you when we have plans in place.

The **Spring Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day** will be a whole lot of fun and, if you give permission, we would be happy to post pictures of the messages and artwork from the groups who participate on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** on our website as well as include them in our 2022 Resource Book. You can send pics and messages to me at the email address below. By the way, we do have chalk at our offices in Troy



and Livonia if your school or youth group needs some (while our supplies last!). Send me an email!

Keep on Loving them Both!

**Lynn Gura**, Youth Director

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# Senate Defeats Democrat Bill to Legalize Abortions Up to Birth Nationwide

By Steven Ertelt, Micaiah Bilger

Senate Republicans, with the help of Democrat Senator Joe Manchin, voted to defeat a Democrat bill that would overturn every pro-life law in America and legalize abortions up to birth.

Lawmakers voted 48-46 against **cloture** — **against ending debate and allowing a vote** on the misnamed Women's Health Protection Act. As a result the filibuster against the radical pro-abortion legislation was sustained and the **bill is defeated**, as 60 votes were necessary to move ahead to a vote on the bill.

All Republicans voted pro-life against cloture on the radical pro-abortion bill and all Democrats voted pro-abortion for cloture, except for Manchin. Democrats Feinstein, Lujan and Warnock missed the vote but would have voted pro-abortion while Republicans Inhofe, Kennedy and Paul also missed vote but would have voted pro-life.

Democrat leaders and many mainstream news outlets portray the bill as an effort to simply "codify the right to an abortion" in the U.S. in response to the likelihood that the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade* later this year. The bill would:

- Eliminate all state and federal parental consent laws in relation to abortion
- Eliminate all state informed consent laws, including those that allow women to view an ultrasound prior to abortion
- Prevent states from passing laws to protect babies at 20 weeks, thereby joining countries like North Korea, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada, and the Netherlands in not protecting unborn children later in development
- Force doctors and nurses opposed to abortion to lose their jobs, and Catholic hospitals could lose public funds unless they perform abortions
- Eliminate decades-long limitations on direct taxpayer funding of abortion — including the popular Hyde Amendment, which has saved more than 2 million lives since enacted

In short, the legislation would overturn all federal and state pro-life laws and make it illegal for elected officials to even introduce pro-life legislation.

Bans on partial-birth abortions, sex-selection abortions and taxpayer-funded abortions would be gone if the bill passes. Laws that protect women and girls would be eliminated, too, including parental consent for minors and informed consent laws that ensure mothers receive basic facts about their unborn baby's development before going through with an abortion.

During the debate, Republicans slammed Democrats for bringing up a bill to kill babies while ignoring how Russia is killing civilians in Ukraine.

Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas said, "At a time when Vladimir Putin is murdering Ukrainians, my Democrat colleagues want to murder more unborn Americans."

Senator Ben Sasse, an outspoken pro-life advocate, said

the bill proves Democrats aren't reasonable on abortion.

"Tonight, the hard-left formally kicked the old slogan of 'safe, legal, and rare' to the curb and embraced extreme pro-abortion politics. This legislation will make Planned Parenthood's army of lobbyists happy, but it's going to alienate a lot of Americans. This pro-abortion extremism is completely out-of-touch with mainstream America. While Planned Parenthood, President Biden, and Speaker Pelosi embrace fringe pro-abortion politics, pro-lifers are offering a compassionate pro-baby, pro-woman, pro-science message," he said.

The bill passed the House last year, but Democrats don't have the votes to get past the filibuster in the Senate.

"Today the U.S. Senate gave the nation yet another lesson in just how much elections matter," said Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life told LifeNews after the vote.

"The evenly divided Senate today voted against advancing a radical abortion bill that would eliminate every protection for the unborn, their mothers and healthcare workers," Father Pavone said. "If we had a Senate with a solid Democrat majority, we might be looking at a totally changed landscape today where abortion is concerned."

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Denise Burke said the bill is grossly misnamed:

"Despite contending to be about women's health, the so-called 'Women's Health Protection Act' would have endangered women and unborn babies by prohibiting most — if not all — of the reasonable state regulations on abortion currently in place. This legislation was just the latest example of the extreme lengths to which congressional Democrats will go to cater to abortionists. Every innocent human life is valuable, precious, and worthy of protection. We commend the members of the Senate who took a stand for true women's healthcare and the protection of innocent life by voting against this destructive legislation."

Pro-life leaders say the bill would go beyond even *Roe* by nullifying state laws that protect unborn babies from late-term and partial-birth abortions.

"This radical 'Abortion Until Birth Act' would block popular pro-life laws around the country, including limits on late-term abortions when unborn babies feel pain, and effectively enshrine an unlimited abortion 'right' in federal law," said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. "Pro-abortion Democrats are desperate to stop the pro-life momentum demonstrated by pro-life laws advancing in state legislatures nationwide."

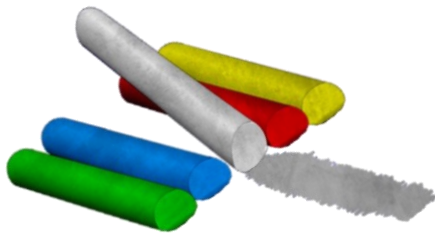
Two Senate Democrats, Joe Manchin, of West Virginia,

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## Spring Pro-Life

## Sidewalk Chalking Day



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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I am so saddened, as you must be, by the latest news out of Ukraine. A maternity and children's hospital was just bombed. According to the report over eighty humans are buried under the rubble, mostly children, many killed. As we all watch the daily news about the war, we are all horrified. We see a total disrespect for human life. I ask myself every time I see the carnage - WHY? It all comes down to power and money. We have a country, Ukraine, whose people were living their daily lives and suddenly attacked. The Russian attackers just want Ukraine destroyed. The leaders of Russia believe that the land belongs to them so they will do whatever they need to get rid of their problem and take their land back. The nations of the world were slow to respond until the pictures started coming out over the TV stations and the World Wide Web. Now, we all see and ask the question, "how could this be happening in the 21st century?"

We in the pro-life movement have been fighting a war on the pre-born for over 50 years. I could not help thinking about the comparison of these two wars.

The pre-born child lives peacefully, growing daily and maturing in a safe environment in his/her mother's womb. Then one day they are attacked by a chemical or surgical intervention and destroyed (63+ million since 1973). Their lives gone - forever. Why? Because they were unwanted. Because forces in the country have the money and power, to change laws and public opinion, that allows the killing of these human beings. If they are "a problem", just kill them. We have an entire world that just accepts this because these little people reside in the womb. If we were to see the actual slaughter of these little ones, I believe the world would react like they are reacting to the slaughter of the Ukrainian people.

Abortion would stop if every day, 24 hours a day, we would witness the carnage in the womb. We would see a change in the hearts of society - abortion would cease. For months, there was talk about a possible attack on the Ukraine, but few paid attention. Now, it is here, and everyone is paying attention because of what they see. For years, we have been talking about what happens in an abortion. Until society actually sees what happens to the baby in the womb, the money and power of the pro-abortion people will continue to promote the carnage and destroy countless lives in the womb.

It is all such a tragedy! We need to continue our work. There is evil in the world: we experience it daily. We must continue to work and do whatever we must in the pro-life movement to change hearts and minds. We do not need to see the pictures - we know what happens during an abortion procedure. Children are dying every day at abortion clinics or hospitals in our country. We must never stop working. If we want peace in the world, we must first have peace in the womb.

These wars are so senseless, pray to stop abortion and for the people of the Ukraine

May God give us the courage and fortitude to continue our work.

— Diane Fagelman, President  
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## Senate Defeats Democrat Bill

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and Bob Casey Jr., of Pennsylvania, identify as pro-life, but it appears that Casey, who recently was seen at a pro-abortion group's fundraiser, has caved to party pressure.

"Given the recent Supreme Court rulings, potential rulings this year, and the Republican Party's clear and unrelenting use of this issue as a political weapon, I will vote 'yes' to allow debate on this bill," Casey said in a statement.

Dannenfelser slammed Casey's flip-flop as a "disgrace," noting that his father, the late Gov. Bob Casey Sr., was a champion for unborn babies.

"Senator Casey's flip to supporting abortion on demand is a disgrace to the legacy of his hero father. Like that of Joe Biden, it exposes how the Democratic Party has caved to pro-abortion extremism," Dannenfelser said. "Now with millions of lives at stake in the Dobbs case, he stands with Chuck Schumer and the abortion lobby to advance

the 'Abortion Until Birth Act' ..."

Kristen Day, executive director of Democrats for Life of America, also called out the Pennsylvania senator on Twitter.

Even among many Democrat voters, the bill is too extreme. Polls consistently show that a strong majority of Americans oppose late-term abortions and taxpayer-funded abortions. A 2022 Marist poll found that just 36 percent of Americans believe abortions should be legal without any restrictions. Additionally, 73 percent oppose using tax dollars to fund abortions.

Similarly, a 2021 Associated Press poll found that 65 percent believe second-trimester abortions should be illegal and 80 percent believe they should be illegal in the third trimester.

And a Gallup poll last year found a majority of Americans want all or most abortions made illegal.

- LifeNews.com, February 28, 2022

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN of Metro Detroit has joined the coalition - "*Citizens to Support MI Women & Children*" - to defeat this possible referendum. The pro-abortion (pro-death) coalition is entitled "*Reproductive Freedom for All*". The leaders of this coalition are Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. They will need to gather 425,059 signatures to put it on the ballot in November. Those gathering

signatures are being paid. Whether or not they succeed will determine what work we must do to defeat this referendum in November.

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