

Wayne County Chapter Church Notes February 2023

February 4-5: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*

Confusion and Clarity

LIFESPAN was deeply saddened and confused to learn of the controversy and recent laicization of Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. We were also saddened to hear of the death of our 2021 Dinner speaker Diamond (Lynnette Hardaway). More positively, Pope Francis gave his 2023 annual address to foreign diplomats at the Vatican and stated, “Peace requires before all else the defense of life, a good that today is jeopardized not only by conflicts, hunger, and disease but all too often even in the mother’s womb, through the promotion of an alleged right to abortion.” The pope called the trend toward the global promotion of abortion and transgenderism, “ideological totalitarianism,” and renounced Western governments who tie economic aid for developing nations to acceptance of such moral evils as, “ideological colonization.” Pope Francis finished, “Tragically, we increasingly witness...a fear of life, which translates in many places into a fear of the future and a difficulty in creating families and bringing children into the world.” Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail tpruse@milifespan.org to volunteer with *LIFESPAN*.



February 11-12: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*

Calling All Students- Be the Change!

Before many families head away for Winter Break, *LIFESPAN* cordially invites all 7th-12th grade students, parents, educators, and catechists to the 2023 **Be the Change** pro-life training session on **Friday, March 3** from **4-8 pm** at **Church of the Divine Child** in Dearborn. (Program is repeated Saturday, March 4 at Auburn Hills Christian Church.) Bryan Kemper of Priests for Life will give his powerful pro-life testimony followed by practical training with Trevor Pollo of Protect Life Michigan. The event aims to help young people be effective and informed advocates for the unborn. Attendees will enjoy a pizza dinner and there is no cost for this event, we simply ask for a free-will donation. While the focus is on 7th-12th grade students, adults are welcome. Call Youth Director Lynn Gura at 248-816-1546 or e-mail oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org for info.



February 18-19: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*

Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide?

The Patients Rights Council is a leading pro-life organization educating on end-of-life issues. According to their website www.patientsrightscouncil.org, Euthanasia is defined as, “The act of intentionally, knowingly, and directly causing the death of a patient.” Assisted suicide then is, “The act of intentionally, knowingly, and directly providing the means of death to another person so that that the person can use the means to commit suicide.” If the person who dies commits the final act, it is assisted suicide, while if someone else commits the final act, it is euthanasia. Where euthanasia is legalized, assisted suicide is as well. Some locales have legalized assisted suicide as a stop on the road to euthanasia. Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org to become a *LIFESPAN* member and fight the Culture of Death from conception to natural death.



February 25-26: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*

Legal Killing Metastasizes

Last week, euthanasia and assisted suicide were defined and this week we investigate where they are legal. We focused on the expansion of legal euthanasia in Canada last month, but Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Colombia have also legalized euthanasia. Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland, Germany, and Japan as well as in the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Colorado, Montana, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. Public opinion at large in much of the Western world has shifted dramatically in favor of euthanasia in just the past 10 years. It is a matter of when, not if, the current political leaders of Michigan will seek to legalize the callous discarding of the lives of the inconvenient sick and elderly. Call 734-422-6230 or visit <http://milifespan.org> for more information.

