

Wayne County Chapter Church Notes January 2023

January 7-8: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN* *A Small Flame of Light to Show the Way*

Several church communities will participate in **Luminaries for Life** this January. Others are taking a break in 2023 after their immense efforts last fall. Luminaries are lit and displayed in front of homes on the night of Saturday, January 21 (some churches may differ). In the past, Luminaries solemnly marked the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. In 2023, we celebrate the 1st year free of *Roe v. Wade* with the message, “Lighting candles for the unborn babies lost to abortion and those who will now be saved. We still have much work to do here in Michigan and know that even a small flame of light will show the way.” Individuals are welcome to participate as well by calling our office at 734-422-6230 or e-mailing wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to place an order for **Luminaries for Life!**



January 14-15: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN* *50 Roses for 50 Years of Abortion in Michigan*

Once again in 2023, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church will host the annual Rose Mass to benefit Right to Life- LIFESPAN on Wednesday, January 18 at 6 pm. During the Mass, Rose walkers bring up a rose to symbolize all the babies killed under the legal abortion regime in Michigan every year since 1973. While the US Supreme Court finally ended 49 years of Court-mandated abortion nationally in 2022, the killing of the preborn will increase in Michigan in 2023 and beyond due to the passage of Proposal 3. Because of this new reality, the Rose Ceremony readings will now focus on the tragedy of abortion in Michigan rather than nationally. Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail tpruse@milifespan.org for more info on the Rose Mass.



January 21-22: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN* *Euthanasia Expanded in Canada*

Dying with Dignity is the leading NGO for promoting euthanasia in Canada. Medical assistance in dying (MAID) is the legal euphemism for euthanasia in Canada. The group led the campaign for the introduction of MAID for terminally ill adults of sound mind, however, they viewed this as merely a foothold for establishing a “right to die.” Indeed, with the Canadian Parliament passing Bill C-7 in March 2021, Dying with Dignity celebrates the expansion of euthanasia to minors as young as age 16 or as young as age 12 with the consent of a parent. On its website, the group also promotes “Advance requests” for MAID stating, “Advance request would allow an individual to describe, in writing, a future circumstance in which they would like to access an assisted death.” This individual would then be euthanized with no deliberation even decades after making the advance request. Visit <http://milifespan.org> to join *LIFESPAN* and fight the Culture of Death.



January 28-29: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*

In Canada, the group Dying with Dignity also champions the expansion of euthanasia (MAID in Canadian legal parlance) to those whose only diagnosis is one of mental illness. There is no longer any need for the terminal, or even physical, illness diagnosis to be offered assisted suicide whether prompted by the patient or the health care provider. Dying with Dignity’s website goes so far as to claim that preventing humans with mental disorders from being offered death as a solution to their problems is “stigmatizing and discriminatory.” In for friendly neighbor to the north, it is considered normal and healthy to kill a human being suffering from a mental disorder, but discriminatory to seek to help such a person receive healing and life-affirming treatment. It is clear that euthanasia is a threat to far more individuals than the elderly and terminally ill. Call 734-422-6230 or visit <http://milifespan.org> for more information.

