***Wayne County Chapter***

 **Church Notes August 2024**

**August 3-4: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Stand with LIFESPAN against All Violence***

**As witnessed once again in the assassination attempt of July 13, violence begits violence and all Americans of good will must respond to violence with love. Violence should have no place in our society, whether at a campaign rally, block party, or at a clinic or pharmacy. This is not a novel sentiment, but a society where the weakest of the weak, the least of our brothers and sisters, are targets for legal killing in the womb is a violent society by definition. As long as most people continue to turn away and ignore the daily violence against the preborn, it should not shock us that this same evil of violence and lack of respect for the lives of other human beings spills over to political events, block parties, and splash pads. Join *LIFESPAN* to peacefully stand for the truth in love and oppose **all** violence against **all** human life from conception to natural death. Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to volunteer or become a *LIFESPAN* member.

**August 10-11: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Authentic Stories of Compassion***

******Assistant Youth Director Julia Walrath represented *LIFESPAN* at the 2024 National Right to Life Conference and Julia gained even greater inspiration to care for women and babies. Pro-lifers must speak out with compassion, perseverance, and authenticity. Speakers pointed out that pro-life people often fail to communicate the compassion of the movement for women. We do not condemn any woman with an unexpected pregnancy, but rather will always provide a safe haven for both mothers and babies out of genuine love and care for their wellbeing. Julia also learned that stories change hearts. Never be afraid to share with others from the heart the reason you are pro-life. These authentic stories of love will win more hearts and minds than all the facts and arguments in the world. Look for *LIFESPAN*’s pro-life stories on X ***@RTLLIFESPAN***, Instagram ***@milifespan***, Snapchat ***@milifespan***, Parler ***@youth-z4sgy*** or Truth ***@rtllifespan***.

**August 17-18: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educate Yourself about Euthanasia***

**There are current bills pending in committee in the Michigan State Legislature that would legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. The same monied interests and politicians which promoted Michigan’s unlimited abortion amendment in 2022 place euthanasia as the next priority. In euthanasia, a medical professional directly administers the means of dying, while in assisted suicide, the doctor provides access to the means of dying while the patient administers it. Despite the rhetoric of, “painless, compassionate death with dignity,” this process can take anywhere from 3 minutes to 5 days, the typical cocktail of drugs takes an unpredictable course once administered, and many patients scream in agony as they die. Seniors, especially those suffering with dementia, depression, or mental health crises are particularly vulnerable. This October’s 2024 Legislative Luncheon will educate on the serious threat of euthanasia laws passing as soon as the current legislative session! We will share registration details next month.

**August 24-25: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN 2024 CIDER Walk***

**Save the date for **Saturday, September 28**. *LIFESPAN* invites you to attend the **2024 CIDER Walk from 12-2pm at St. Aidan Church in Livonia**. This is a great opportunity for those of all ages, incuding seniors, families with young children, and youth group members, to safely and peacefully give witness to the Sanctity of Life from conception until natural death. Find the registration link at <https://milifespan.org> to register or make a pledge. All registered participants will receive a new CIDER Walk t-shirt as well as cider and doughnuts provided by Yates Cider Mill. Please email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org or call 734-422-6230 for additional details.