**Wayne County Chapter**

 **Church Notes December 2024**

**December 7-8: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Everyone Needs a Medical Power of Attorney***

Jason Negri, an expert on end-of-life issues, spoke at *LIFESPAN*’s 2024 Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon. His first focus was to safeguard yourself and your loved ones by documenting a Medical Power of Attorney as well as a Will and Financial Power of Attorney. A Medical Power of Attorney establishes your desire not to be deprived of food and water when incapacitated and safegurds this by naming a person you trust as the Patient Advocate who will make medical decisions on your behalf rather than simply defaulting to attending medical personnel. It’s also 2025 membership season, so please call 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to stand for life as a *LIFESPAN* member this December!

**December 14-15: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Physician-assisted Suicide as Default Option?***

**End-of-life expert Jason Negri raised six main reasons physician-assisted suicide (PAS) is a bad idea we will cover in the next month The first is coercion. The mere availability of PAS makes it the default option for many patients and doctors. Along with coercion, if PAS becomes the new “standard of care” at the end of life, insurers and the medical profession will have no reason to continue to spend resources on effective palliative care. Call (734) 422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to give someone an $8 *LIFESPAN* Gift Membership as a stocking-stuffer!

**December 21-22: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN The Power of One This Christmas***

**Congratulations to our friends at the Mother and Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC) pregnancy help center in Southfield on their 40th Anniversary. Pregnancy help centers are the modern version of the stable in Bethlehem open to all mothers and preborn children while the innkeepers of our culture remain closed to life. Fr. Mike Schmitz spoke at the 2024 MAUBC dinner and reminded the audience of, “the Power of One.” One person or act cannot change the culture or laws or end injustice. Yet every one of us can act to save one life, and Fr. Schmitz borrowed from the Torah to close, “When you save one life, you save the world entire.” In the power of One all were saved through the Incarnation of our God. **Merry Christmas to All!**

**December 28-29: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Physician-assisted Suicide & Elder Abuse***

**Elder abuse is a growing problem, and the next reason legal physician-assisted suicide (PAS) is a bad policy. In Oregon, the state where PAS is most widespread, many patients fill a prescription for PAS pills, but never take them. Two people must witness consent to PAS and one witness cannot financially benefit, but **one witness CAN financially benefit from death due to PAS**. Nothing stops a close friend or romantic interest of a beneficiary from serving as the witness who does not financially benefit. Premeditated murder will be inadvertently made legal under a PAS regime. Visit <https://milfespan.org> for learn more. **Happy New Year! We hope you continue to have a blessed Christmas season!**