**Wayne County Chapter**

 **Church Notes January 2025**

**January 4-5: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Physician-assisted Suicide & Cost Control***

The most frightening problem with legal physician-assisted suicide (PAS), **Cost control**, was raised by Jason Negri at the 2024 Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon. Cost control will lead insurers and medical providers to default to PAS because it will **always** be the **cheapest** option available. People will be made to feel they are a burden to society. This cost control bias behind PAS is as clear as day in Canada, even in their VA system. Current society is trending in favor of PAS. **Those of us in opposition must form coalitions**. Disability rights groups in our communities are often very strong advocates for protecting the vulnerable and pro-lifers must make common cause with them. Make a resolution to help defend life from PAS for the elderly, infirm, sick, and disabled by calling 734-422-6230 to become a *LIFESPAN* member in 2025.

**January 11-12: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Roses & Light: Upcoming Events***

Everyone is invited to join us on **Wednesday, January 22** at 6pm for the 2025 **Rose Mass** at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. The Rose Ceremony during the Mass features volunteers carrying roses up to a cradle in front of the altar in remembrance of the lives lost for every year abortion has been legal in Michigan since 1973 while a short reflection is read. **Plan to join us for our restaurant fundraiser at Buddy’s Pizza in Livonia on **Thursday, January 23**. The 2025 **National March for Life** takes place on **Friday, January 24**. Many in Wayne County will mark that evening by setting out **Luminaries for Life** in remembrance of all victims of abortion in the United States. If you or your church desires to participate in 2025, please contact the Chapter Office this week to order luminaries at (734) 422-6230 or wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org.

**January 18-19: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Have a Slice for Life this Thursday!***

**Join *LIFESPAN* for our first Restaurant Fundraiser this **Thursday, January 23** from 11am-9pm at **Buddy’s Pizza** on Plymouth Rd. in Livonia**.** **Mention *Right to Life-* *LIFESPAN* when you order** dine-in, carry-out, or delivery and 20% of proceeds will help us protect life from conception until natural death! There is a longer backstory, but we thank Buddy’s for going the extra mile to collaborate with us and we thank you in advance for enjoying great pizza for the great cause of life! A quick reminder, the Rose Mass is January 22 and Luminaries for Life are displayed January 24. Visit <https://milifespan.org> for more information.

**January 25-26: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN PAS with No Conscience Protections***

**To conclude our reflections on the evils of Physician-assisted Suicide (PAS), Jason Negri’s sixth problem with PAS is the lack of conscience protection. In many cases, PAS provides no exemptions for physicians who conscientiously object to PAS. Michigan’s SB 681, which thankfully expired without action at the end of the last legislature in 2024, did include some conscience protections for doctors, but provided **no conscience protections at all for nurses, pharmacists, or other health care personnel**. Beware an effort by the Culture of Death to bring a ballot proposal to legalize PAS in Michigan in 2026. For those interested in becoming pro-life community leaders and spokespeople on end-of-life issues, *LIFESPAN* will be sponsoring an upcoming intensive training session led by Jason Negri. Stay tuned for upcoming details.