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## The Most Magnificent Thing You Know

Do you know that feeling when you wake up in the middle of the night and it's cold and your diaper feels heavy. And there are so many strange sounds all around you, and it's dark and scary. And you get a hit in your head and it's your hand that's on its own adventure. And you can't control it at all and it flings itself around and scratches your face and pulls at your hair. And your legs start kicking off the duvet, even though you're cold as it is and you try to make it stop but they have their own will. And so you're lying there completely helpless with flailing limbs that want to do everything, but none of the things you want.

And you can't find mom. And you call for her and you find yourself feeling really scared. What if your beloved mom doesn't come for you. You can't imagine anything worse and you start to cry because you miss her so terribly. You have never felt as alone as this very moment.

And then she is suddenly there. Standing right by your bed and looking at you with worry and love. And she is the most beautiful thing you've ever seen. And you grin up at her with happiness and relief. You don't think you've ever felt as happy as this very moment.

And she picks you up and holds you close. And she smells like herself, and also a bit like you. Like milk and safety and love. And it's the best smell in the whole entire world.

And she is warm and safe and soft and her hands caress you and she feeds you and hums your favourite tune. And you love her voice. You've known it far longer than you've really known her. It has lulled you to sleep and made you laugh and calmed you when you were distressed. It is the most beautiful voice in the whole entire world.

And you get to lie right up against her and you feel your entire body start to warm up



again. And your still cold hand starts stroking her and moves up towards her neck and accidentally scratches her. Stupid uncontrollable hand. But mom doesn't get angry. She takes your stupid hand in hers and it turns all warm again. And this is the best feeling in the world. Right here in mommy's arms, with your hand in hers. Even the diaper doesn't feel as horrible anymore.

And you feel your eyes getting heavy and you know that everything is okay now cause mommy is here. Your mom. Your wonderful, incredible mom who always looks after you. Night and day.

You look up at her one last time before you fall asleep. She looks tired and her eyes are closed, and yet she is still the most magnificent thing you know. How amazing that she wants to sit here with you in this moment. How amazing that she will always sit with you for a bit when you need her to.

You smile to yourself. How lucky you were that she became your mom. The most perfect mom anyone could have asked for. You knew, even before you saw her, that she would be the best thing in the world.

Oh how you love her. Your mom. 💖

Words by: The Mommy Poet

## **Right to Life - LIFESPAN's GENERATION TRUTH**

# Autumn Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking

# Day 2023

## Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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ABORTION HURTS WOMEN love them both! A baby's heart begins to beat at 21 days!



### **Right to Life**

In these trouble times when all our Morals and Values are under attack, There is one struggle we all must share for those who cannot fight back.

I speak of the unborn child - No more oppressed minority can there be. Why is he denied his one basic right in America, "the land of the free"?

Some say it's a matter of free will, others say it's an individual's choice, I say that all who care must speak out for those who have no voice.

The taking of a human live brings shame upon us all. The murder of children is a crime we must outlaw.

So if we raise our voices for the cause in which we strive, We can prevent this slaughter, and protect our right to life.

- Author Unknown

# Save the Date!

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2024 MOVEMENT IN MOTION



## YOUTH BUS TRIP

Thursday Morning: January 18th through Saturday Evening: January 20th

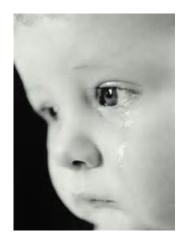
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For more information contact: Lynn Gura, Bus Trip Coordinator oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org • 248-816-1546







Doodles are the fun, surprising, and sometimes spontaneous changes that are made to the Google logo to celebrate holidays, anniversaries and the lives of famous, artists, pioneers, and scientists. This Doodle appeared on the Google Doodle page on March 28, 2023.

#### Editor's Note: EVEN GOOGLE CAN'T DENY THE TRUTH!

#### March 28, 2023: Celebrating Justine Siegemund

Today's Doodle celebrates Justine Siegemund, a midwife who dared to challenge patriarchal attitudes in the 17th century. She was the first person in Germany to write a book on obstetrics from a woman's perspective. On this day in 1690, the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) certified her book, The Court Midwife, as an official medical textbook. During a time when few women had access to formal education, Siegemund became the first woman to publish a seminal medical text in German.

Siegemund was born in 1636 in Rohnstock, Lower Silesia. As a young woman, she had a prolapsed uterus that ill-informed midwives misdiagnosed as pregnancy. This frustrating experience inspired her to become a midwife herself and improve obstetrical education.

After an apprenticeship, Siegemund began her career in midwifery by offering free services to underprivileged women. She soon became known for her ability to safely guide women through difficult births, and word spread quickly to expecting women across the country.

Siegemund accepted an official position as the City Midwife of Lignitz in 1683 and later became the Court Midwife in Berlin, where she delivered children for the royal family. She also published The Court Midwife during this time and greatly improved maternal and infant health in Germany.

Up until then, German midwives largely passed down their knowledge through oral traditions. There wasn't a standardized way to document safe birth practices. The Court Midwife was the first to offer a comprehensive guide on childbirth in Germany.

Thank you Justine Siegemund for setting the foundation for modern childbirth education! Your legacy still inspires physicians to take a page out of your book — to make labor and delivery safer for all.

- www.google.com/doodles/about



Justine's published medical drawings in The Court Midwife

# **2023 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events**



Mother's Day Fundraiser Sunday, May 14, 2023

Father's Day Fundraiser Sunday, June 18, 2023

**3rd Annual Motor City Caravan for Life** Saturday, June 24, 2023



Movement In Motion Bus Trip Registration September 1 - November 15, 2023

> National Day of Remembrance Saturday, September 9, 2023

Life Chain Sunday, October 1, 2023

**Pro-Life Christmas Cards** October - December, 2023

Autumn Sidewalk Chalk Day Tuesday, October 3, 2023



National Pro-Life Cupcake Day Monday, October 9, 2023

**Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity** Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Pro-Life Luncheon with Frank Pavone Saturday, October 28, 2023



# **LIFESPAN Chapter News**

#### Things that Most People Know Nothing About

#### *Human Composting and the Christian* by Mark Milosch, First Things, 3/29/23

Earlier this year, the state of New York legalized human composting. This procedure, also called "natural organic reduction," is considered a "green" method of burial, and is already legal in Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Colorado, and California. A recent New York Times article argued that composting should be the default American "death care." The author, Caitlin Doughty, makes the case for becoming nutrient-rich soil when we die – soil that can then be used to shade the salmon streams of the Pacific Northwest or grow a tree in the backyard of a loved one. (*This is an excerpt from a much longer article appearing in First Things, March* 29, 2023)

### Carnations

If you want to offer moms carnations on Mother's Day to your faith community or organization, give us a call at 248-816-1546, and we can get you started.

### A Federal Judge Who Understands What the Abortion Pills Do

A federal judge ruled late last week that the Food and Drug Administration's approval of an at-home abortion pill over two decades ago was improper and didn't consider all of the pill's

#### One Innovative Effort: The <u>Motor</u> <u>City Caravan for Life</u> is Sat., June 24

The events of late 2022 and early 2023 in Michigan must convince pro-lifers that there must be a renewed effort to change the Culture of Death which dominates this state. What can good men and women do against such a death cult? We certainly must roll up our sleeves and redouble our efforts lovingly with smiles on our faces. We do also need to experiment with innovative new tactics to reach both supporters and opponents of life more effectively and meaningfully. LIFESPAN promises to do our part. One innovative effort to reach the people of Metro Detroit is the 3rd Annual Motor City Caravan for Life on Saturday, June 24. The previous Caravans were in January, planned to coincide with the National March for Life. Winter weather and school commitments are complications in January, but June weather should be fine for driving, more people will be outside, and school is out for the summer. Going forward, LIFESPAN intends to make the Motor City Caravan an annual event on or around the June 24 anniversary of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health ruling by the United States Supreme Court. This ruling overturned the Federal abortion regime first mandated by Roe v. Wade back in 1973. Although Michigan embraced a demonic path in 2022, we must celebrate the tens of thousands of lives saved in other states since June 24, 2022, and the millions more who laws will save in future years! LIFESPAN will be passing out "I Love Life" car flags to all Caravan participants. It is also not lost

risks to patients. He also did what many in his profession have failed to do: recognize the humanity of the child in the womb. If the decision is upheld, the abortion drug that's responsible for over half of all abortions in the United States could ultimately be pulled off shelves.

### Silence is Acceptance

Abortion supporters are doing everything they can to not just censor pro-life speech but to actually cancel every pro-life voice. They will succeed only if we let them. Speak up! Silence is acceptance.



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on many of you that June 24 marks the Nativity of John the Baptist. Please see the flier in this newsletter for more details. If you care to participate or donate your time, talent, or treasure to this great effort, please reach out to Chapter Director Tim Pruse at tpruse@milifespan.org!

*So, start your engine, grab your friends and family, and be a voice crying out for the preborn in our modern wilderness!* 

# Are all human beings worthy of equal rights or only some humans?



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The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and pregnant moms are everywhere!

Goodbye gloomy days, grey days and heavy coats hiding beautiful baby bumps!

Spring has finally arrived and with it tons of requests for help for mothers and their precious babies. Because of your generous gifts, we are able to provide material goods, hope, love and your prayers to these special moms.

And speaking of moms – Happy Mothers' Day to the women who have the toughest, best job ever! To the exhausted moms, the proud grandmas, the fun aunts and to all of you who love our moms and their little ones – have a beautiful day surrounded by love, hugs, laughter and all God's blessings!



A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305 Phone: 734-524-0165 Office Hours: By appointment Karen Patrosso, Director All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

Love, Karen



YOUTH REPORT

Dear Friends of Life – students of all ages, parents, teachers, campus ministers, assistant principals, principals, school presidents, youth ministers, young adult leaders, DRE's, church administrators, deacons, pastors, and priests:

A Spring filled with hope is here! I am seeing new buds on our trees and am hearing the pleasant sounds of birds chirping happily and robins busy making nests around our home to lay their eggs~~makes me smile big! I am really looking forward to planting flower seeds in my gardens and watching them grow so I can make bouquets, walking in the neighborhood with my husband (and getting ice cream at the local DQ), going on bike rides in the local area and being outdoor more to get lots of fresh air and sunshine, grilling and picnicking, attending graduations and weddings, and taking advantage of longer days to enjoy!

Next time around I will gladly share with you comments from guests who attended the Be The Change event at the end of April. You will also have pictures to see from that event!

I hope to see many of you at the LIFESPAN Celebrate Life Dinner on Tuesday, May 9th! It will be a very lovely evening to celebrate God's precious Gift of Life with family and friends, have opportunities to make new friends, hear updates about what is happening here in the state of Michigan in the pro-life movement and what LIFESPAN is doing, and listen to an inspiring testimonial from our speaker, Jason S. Jones.

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to all those students who are graduating from college and high school this year!

May you all be blessed in many ways as you enter a new chapter in your lives! If you are interested in getting monthly Youth updates via email to stay in the loop on local pro-life events, activities, and volunteer opportunities, please connect with me by email at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and put in the subject line "ADD ME TO THE YOUTH LIST"! Thank you!

Be the Change

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## Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Signs Bill to Implement Abortions Up to Birth

### By Micaiah Bilger

ichigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer joined abortion activists Wednesday to celebrate the repeal of a law that protected viable unborn babies from late-term abortions.

The Democrat-controlled state legislature voted to repeal the 1931 pro-life law this spring, and Whitmer, a proabortion Democrat, signed the bill April 5th, the AP reports.

Joined by abortion activists from Planned Parenthood and Emily's List, Whitmer claimed the pro-abortion legislation reflects Michigan "values" and creates a better future for everyone.

"By getting this done, we will help attract talent and business investment, too," the governor said, according to FOX 2. "I will continue to use every tool in my toolbox to support, protect, and affirm reproductive freedom for every Michigander, and I'll work with anyone to make Michigan a welcoming beacon of opportunity where anyone can envision a future."

But Barbara Listing, president of Right to Life of Michigan, said the governor has a disturbing obsession with aborting unborn babies at all costs.

"Today is a dark day for women in our state and for unborn children nearing birth. Cloaking the elimination of long-standing, common-sense health and safety protections in the mantra of 'women's rights' demonstrates the extreme nature of the governor's abortion activism," Listing said.

Most parts of the now-repealed law have not been in effect for more than 50 years, primarily because of *Roe v. Wade*, but other parts were, including a ban on aborting viable, late-term unborn babies. Without it, pro-life leaders say Michigan no longer has limits on abortion.

Despite the setback, Listing said Right to Life of Michigan will continue to advocate for health and safety protections for women and the full protection of the right to life of unborn babies.

One of their plans is to shed light on the women harmed by Democrats' reckless removal of legal safeguards around abortion and abortion activists' intentions to prevent pregnant women from accessing life-affirming options through pregnancy resource centers and other pro -life charities, she added.

Meanwhile, Democrat lawmakers made clear that the repeal of the elective abortion ban is just part of their pro-abortion agenda. State House Speaker Pro Tempore Laurie Pohutsky said Wednesday that "this is far from the



end of the story," and Democrats want to do more to expand abortions in Michigan, according to the AP.

Last fall, the pro-abortion movement, heavily funded by out-of-state billionaires, misled and lobbied Michigan voters to pass a state constitutional amendment that declares abortion to be a "fundamental right." Donors included an executive from the former cryptocurrency company FTX, which now face numerous charges for fraud, conspiracy and unlawful political donations.

After the amendment passed, pro-life advocates warned that other abortion regulations, including parental consent for minors and a ban on late-term abortions, also could be repealed.

Aborting unborn babies for any reason up to viability has been legal in Michigan since the 1970s, and about 30,000 are aborted every year.

In recent years, more people are dying in Michigan than are being born, according to a recent report from MLive journalist Taylor DesOrmeau.

- Lifenews.com, April 5, 2023

#### Note from Diane Fagelman, President:

It is chilling to see so many smiles on the faces of women in power. Killing our preborn citizens is no laughing matter! God Help this Country!









# Motor City Caravan for Life

## **DETROIT'S PRO-LIFE CAR CRUISE**

# Saturday, June 24, 2023

Who is invited? EVERYONE!!! Pack your friends & family in the car to tell everyone I LOVE LIFE!!!

Purpose: To locally commemorate the 1st Anniversary of the Dobbs ruling in which the United States Supreme Court overturned the Federal abortion mandate after 49 years!

The Caravan is also to give public witness to Life from conception until natural death in a state currently dominated by the Culture of Death politically, socially, and culturally

**The Event:** We will caravan in our own vehicles southbound on Woodward Ave. from Shrine Grade School in Royal Oak to Campus Martius downtown and then eastbound on Gratiot Ave. to Assumption Grotto on the eastside. The Caravan ends with a brief commemoration at the gravesite of aborted children at Assumption Grotto Cemetery. A Fellowship Gathering follows.

**The Starting Point:** Shrine Catholic Grade School Linwood Parking Lot (1621 Linwood Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48067 off of 12 Mile Rd. 1 block east of Woodward Ave.)

Start Time: 11am; Caravan to depart Shrine promptly at 11:30

**Create:** Get creative & decorate your own car! Life Chain signs will also be available! "I Love Life" Car Flags will be handed out to each car participating in the Caravan

The End Point: Assumption Grotto Church & Cemetery (13770 Gratiot Ave. Detroit, MI 48205)

End Time: 1 pm at Gravesite; Fellowship Gathering 1-3 pm

Love Life Fellowship Gathering: All participants are invited for light snacks & refreshments at Assumption Grotto upon completion of the Caravan.

For information call the Wayne Chapter at 734-422-6230

## Visit mi*LIFESPAN*.org for more details

### From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

Happy Mother's Day to all the women who have dedicated themselves to love, teach, and pray for the little ones in their care.

One does not have to carry a child in their womb to be able to see themselves as a mother. Think back at the strong women in your early years who helped to make you who you are today. They could have been an aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, cousin,

neighbor, teacher, nurse, or friend. The definition of mother in the Webster Dictionary is very interesting. The first definition: "a female parent". The second: "a woman of authority or an elderly woman". While these definitions apply in today's world, they do not seem to define, in the true sense, the greatness and importance of "Mother". I wonder how long before they too will try and reform or change these definitions as stated in today's dictionary. We live in a world where outside forces are trying to change society as we know it. Motherhood is being attacked like I never would I have imagined 50 years ago. There were never gray areas when it came to the definition of motherhood. Motherhood is motherhood! You were conceived and nurtured in the body of your mother. You were cared for by her and your father and welcomed into the world by people who cared. Of course, not everyone had parents who cared for them properly, but then society would step in and cared for those discarded by their parents. Not in today's world where there is a movement that considers people the polluters and destroyers of the earth. Motherhood is no longer revered and accepted as good by many in society. This has been like a cancer within the family. These philosophies have permeated society and are slowly eroding our country. It is time for those of us who believe in the sanctity of human life to speak out against the evils that our diminishing women especially our great role of being mothers. This is the noblest of all professions. Bringing forth and nurturing the next generation is one of the most important jobs in the world, if not the most important!

So, I ask today that all pro-life women stand up, be strong, and speak out against the destruction of the female person. Do not let the rhetoric of the day stand without challenge. Teach the young women in your lives to be proud of being a woman. We have heard this slogan for years "I am women, I am strong," well let us show by our words, our teaching, and our example just what that

### Donations have been made -

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by *LIFESPAN* in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... Send donations to your local *LIFESPAN* office.

slogan means. I will stand up for women who are being coerced into having abortions and will come to their ad. I will stand up and work against those who are trying to change the meaning of female. I will stand up and work against those who are trying to change the meaning of motherhood. I will stand up for any issue that will promote strong families. I will work to promote God's meaning of motherhood - bringing forth life into the world and nurturing that life for His good.

So, on this Mother's Day 2023, let us pray that God will give us the courage and voice to speak out and promote Motherhood. To teach the young females of today that the greatest gift you can give the world is a child that will promote the cause of good in the world.

Motherhood and good mothers teach their sons and daughters to love God, teach the attributes of the His commandments, to care for those in need, to love without condition, to promote the common good: in the family, the community, the nation, and in the world.

Happy Mother's Day again especially to all the prolife women who embrace our femininity and the prolife cause. United we can do anything!

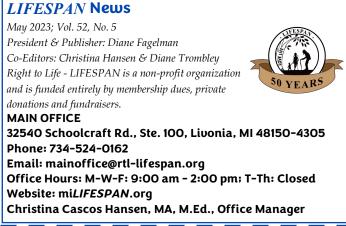
- Diane Fagelman, President

## Pro-Life Chalk Day at St. Michael's Livonia



You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com



#### Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

May 2023 News

*Right to Life - LIFESPAN* believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves - the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the *LIFESPAN* News as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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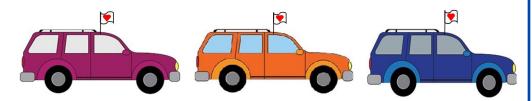
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Help us CELEBRATE the 1st Anniversary of the <u>DOBBS v. Jackson Women's Health</u> U.S. Supreme Court Ruling AND To give WITNESS to the CULTURE OF LIFE in Metro Detroit!!!!



Note: This is a cultural rally for the Right to Life and not a political event. Please refrain from distracting from the Love Life message by mixing in signs that address other worthy political issues.



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