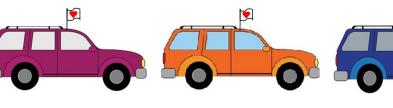
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in witness to their commitment to love and protect the preborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs deliver messages that Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion, and Life-The First Inalienable Right. This peaceful event will provide a visual statement of unity. More information on www.lifechain.org





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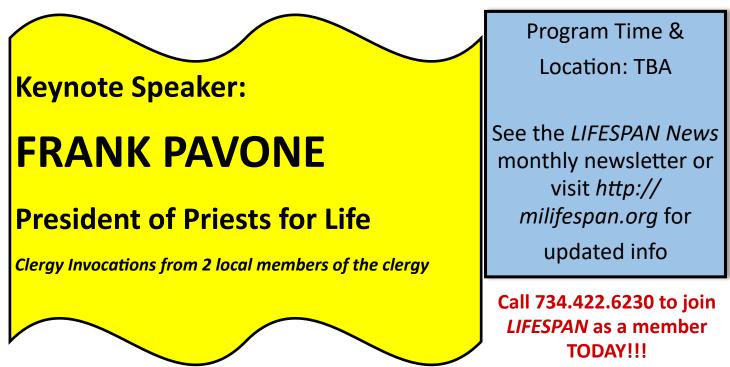


Right to Life - LIFESPAN Legislative Luncheon 2023



Why attend?

2023 is the Best of times & the Worst of times for Pro-Life people: Nationally, the Dobbs decision was a great pro-life victory ending the Roe era of Federally mandated abortion on demand. It has saved <u>thousands</u> of lives already. However, Michigan has become the State with the most extreme pro-abortion laws in the nation thanks to the passage of Proposal 3. We are now an abortion destination State. HOW DO WE MAKE SENSE OF THIS? HOW DO WE DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THE UNBORN? HOW DO WE CHANGE HEARTS IN MINDS IN A MAJORITY PRO-ABORTION STATE? Come to the Legislative Luncheon to help make sense of these vital questions.



The original 'baby box' saved the great-grandfather of this famous actor

By Nancy Flanders

ctor Christoper Meloni appeared on a recent episode of "Finding Your Roots" with ancestry expert Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. During the show, Meloni learned shocking facts, including that his sixth great-grandfather had been abducted as a young teen in Massachusetts by Native Americans and was set free by Catholic priests in Canada before becoming a Catholic himself and starting a new life.

But in an even earlier episode (seen in the video clip below), Meloni learned that his great-grandfather on his father's side was saved as an infant by a church in Italy in what appears to be the original "baby box."

Meloni's great-grandfather Enrico was from a tiny town in Italy, but his parents were not listed on his marriage license, which led the "Finding Your Roots" team to delve deeper. Gates gave Meloni a document to read regarding Enrico.

"Enrico, at birth, received from 'the wheel,' wrapped in swaddling clothes of cotton rags," read Meloni, asking Gates, "Do you know what 'received from the wheel means?"

Gates replied, "Have you ever heard of a foundling wheel? Essentially, they were wooden cradles built into the sides of religious buildings where parents could abandon their newborn child. You'd have the baby and you'd go to the foundling wheel. The wheel was a rotating platform in the outside wall of the building. The person leaving the baby would rotate the wheel and [the baby] into the building and then ring a bell to alert the attendant and they would leave without being identified."

This is essentially the same concept as a baby box, which is still in use today — albeit with more safeguards to ensure the infant's safety and quick rescue.

Nothing is known about Enrico's parents, but the fact that he was left in 'the wheel,' or a rudimentary baby box, means they were likely poor, and had abandoned their son to give him a better chance at a successful life. It appears that he was raised by a nurse up to the age of 12.

Meloni was moved to tears by the revelation. His great-



Picture from Christopher Meloni's Facebook Page

grandfather and great-grandmother eventually made their way to the United States, where his greatgrandfather sold olive oil on the streets of Boston... and later, his son and grandson would become doctors.

"I think you see something like that," said Meloni through tears, "and I'm sure almost everyone must react this way, in that all of a sudden you go, 'Oh! I owe you a debt."

Baby boxes like 'the wheel' are still in existence today. Since 2016 alone, Safe Haven Baby Boxes have saved the lives of at least 125 babies, allowing their mothers to safely surrender them instead of leaving them in harm's way. Every single state has a Safe Haven law that allows parents to anonymously surrender their baby of a certain age at specific locations. According to the National Safe Haven Alliance, 4,778 babies have been saved by these laws.

- Live Action, May 15, 2023



2023 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events



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

How to Say Thank-You

Those of you who attended our dinner on May 9th know what a really great evening it was. Yes, there were a few glitches with some seating, but it all got settled in the end. If any of you have ever been responsible for arranging a wedding, or a wedding reception, you know how frantic it can sometimes be. What always saves the day is those who help to make the arrangements. So, it is with our dinners.

I will risk naming a few names here (it is a risk because someone always gets left out) but there were so many people who should be recognized. First, to San Marino – they are so easy to work with and very kind to us and the food is always yummy. Next to all our wonderful young volunteers. Seeing so many smiling, young, faces, ready and willing to do whatever is necessarily made my heart sing. We all saw the future of the pro-life movement that evening, and it was truly bright. To Lynn Gura who gathers all these young people and inspires them to be involved in the pro-life movement. To Donna Jazowski and Irene Tharp who helped to dress the tables, to Colleen Beaton and her

Don't Curse the Darkness, Light a Torch!

Please pause for a moment and consider the messages of spring 2023's LIFESPAN events. First, at the Be the Change youth event on April 29, our two powerful speakers were Trevor Polo of Protect Life MI and Bryan Kemper of Stand True Ministries. Trevor presented the four most common pro-abortion arguments and then debunked them one by one. 1) Abortion helps poor women by allowing them to avoid bringing another hungry mouth into the world. The reality is that the Abortion business is a \$1.5 billion industry annually that exploits the poor and dehumanizes the unborn. 2) The pre-born are not yet full human persons. All human beings are human persons and the difference between the preborn, the teenager, and the elderly is one of SLED (S = Size L= Level of development, E = Environment, and D = Degree of dependency). Trust the science! 3) The strongest pro-abortion argument is Bodily Autonomy. While people should have much personal freedom, almost no one argues this gives us the right to inflict physical harm on other humans. Autonomy means sovereignty and none of us have absolute sovereignty to own a slave or rape or stab a neighbor for instance. 4) Pro-abortion is popular and cool in Hollywood, on college campuses, and on social media. In reality, pro-lifers are the counter-cultural rebels who must resist Big Abortion and its corporatist Big Government sponsors. Trevor closed with the story of Kitty Genovese being beaten to death over the course of hours while dozens of

wonderful voice, to Annette and Mike Schefke who helped with the auction and to Chris and Karen who presented the auction in such a wonderfully beautiful setting. To Dan Devine and his wonderful words, to our speaker, Jason Jones, who literally had all of us hanging on his every word, to everyone who fetched, carried, moved, dragged, pushed, and pulled all the things that happen unexpectedly. To Father Paul and to Joseph Honce who led us in prayer and in the pledge and to Tim Pruse who kept us moving. The Oakland Macomb office is responsible for making arrangements for the dinner, but it is truly an organizational effort. To everyone who helped, in whatever way, we at Oakland/Macomb and Wayne County and the Main office thank you for making this evening so special and, most of all, for respecting, protecting the beautiful Gift of Life.

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people within earshot chose to go back to sleep instead of to save her. This describes the Bystander Effect in which the larger the number of people witnessing an injustice, the less likely it is that anyone acts. Next, Bryan Kemper shared his life story beginning when his unwed mother sought an illegal abortion in the 1960s, but failed to find one after her parents kicked her out when she became pregnant. The turning point of his life was a conversion from a life of drug addiction to one of faith. This only happened by the grace of God because an EMT and ER doctor caring for him following a drug overdose gave him the simple message, "God loves you and you have value." Bryan then pioneered the "Rock for Life" concerts in the 1990s, even promoting life at Lollapalooza and on MTV. He annually brought hundreds of tattooed, mohawk-sporting youths to the National March for Life and was arrested multiple times for blocking abortion mills in support of Red Rose rescues going on inside. He closed with a story of his visit to the Auschwitz concentration camp and how he was haunted by a solitary farmhouse sitting just outside the camp gates. He pondered if he would have had the courage to act to save lives if he lived in that farmhouse in 1942 and then told the audience, "We do live in that farmhouse!" As the American holocaust of abortion continues in our town, do we have the

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Two sweet pregnant great-nieces - both moms madly in love with their precious babies and eager to hold their daughters in their arms.

One niece gave birth to her little girl, a pudgy, dark-haired newborn with big, beautiful eyes, and the family was overcome with indescribable joy.

The other niece lost her baby just a week before she was due a tiny, perfect newborn with a tuft of blonde hair - the heartbreak was and is immeasurable... Every pregnancy is such a miracle from the time the baby is conceived until she is safely in her mother's arms. If only everyone in our beloved country shared that belief.

Every day, our **Wee Care** moms make that choice - to give life to their cherished babies. One of the reasons that they do choose



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:

Have you made your summer plans yet? If you are available Saturday, June 24th, please join us for our June Caravan for Life to commemorate the one year anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022. Invite your family and friends to join you! Call the Wayne County office for more information (see flier on page 9).

We were blessed to have three very articulate, passionate, courageous, dedicated, inspiring and interesting, good humored men of integrity speaking at our events – Trevor Polo from Protect Life Michigan and Bryan Kemper from Stand True Ministries (at BTC) and Jason Scott Jones of Movie to Movement and the Vulnerable People Project (at our dinner). It was good for us to hear where they were in the past and how they changed their lives to become who they were meant to be, following the path they were meant to take. We do have audio recordings of Trevor and Bryan for anyone who would like to hear what they had to say at the training on April 29th. Just send me an email at oakmac@rtllifespan.org and put in the subject line "BTC Audio". I will send the links to you.



life is because they know there are wonderful people like you - who care, who love, who pray and who provide for their precious little ones.

You will never know how many lives you have touched how many babies are here today because of you - Thank you and God bless you!

Love, Karen

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.

Plans for an exciting April 2024 Be the Change are in the works! Stay tuned after the summer for more details!

Many young men and woman (Jr. High, High School, college, and young professionals) attended both events and were glad they did so! We thank you all for your support in helping us spread the word about these events and for all of you who could be there with us! I thought you would enjoy some pictures!





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Michigan man says Planned Parenthood pays him to campaign for Ohio amendment

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

video posted on YouTube appears to show a Michigan man campaigning for Planned Parenthood on behalf of an upcoming abortion referendum – in Ohio.

Ohio State Representative Gary Click spoke to the man, who gave his name as Marco. He asked Click if he was registered to vote in Ohio, and if he would sign a petition to protect "reproductive rights." Marco further claimed an upcoming referendum vote was not for or against abortion, but would expand Ohio law to allow abortion through 12 weeks.

"So it says 'to carry out one's reproductive decisions,' so that means there's no age limit on that, right?" Click said, adding, "So that means a child can go have an abortion without her parents knowing?"

Marco agreed, and said it was for "everybody's" reproductive rights, and so "everyone" could have the right to choose. Click pointed out that, with this referendum, minors could be taken to get an abortion without their parents' knowledge or consent, and that parents should have the right to know what is happening in their children's lives.

At that point in the conversation, Marco tried to dismiss Click, but instead of leaving, Click asked him, "So, do you live here in Fremont?"

Marco admitted that he lives in Michigan, and is paid to collect signatures in Ohio. "So, we go through a petitioning company and then we're sponsored in through different sponsors, which would be Planned Parenthood, and then, yeah," he said.

Planned Parenthood has been heavily involved in promoting pro-abortion legislation in various states across the country. The corporation is currently part of a proabortion coalition attempting to pass an amendment in Ohio making abortion a state constitutional right. Many have criticized this amendment as an attack on parental rights, as it would remove any and all restrictions on abortion, including the state's parental notification and consent laws. Parental rights groups have been protesting the



Screenshot from YouTube

amendment, encouraging Ohioans to vote against it.

"Moms and dads will be cut out of the most important and life-altering decisions of their child's life, if this passes," Molly Smith, a Protect Women Ohio board member, said in a press release. "This extreme amendment eliminates any current or future protections for minors requiring parents be notified and consent before their child undergoes a procedure like an abortion or sex change surgery. Ohioans must vote 'no' on this dangerous proposal."

To see the video, go to: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=PZxAK925hUE&t=3s

- Live Action, May 15, 2023

Save the Date!

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 9, 2023

1:00 pm - White Chapel Cemetery



For more information, contact us at 734.524.0162 miLIFESPAN.org







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 & give public witness to the right to life from conception until natural death!

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.

Main (Woodward Ave.) 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.)

Southwest (Michigan Ave.) Starting Point (*NEW FOR 2023!!!*): St. Mary of Wayne Church Parking Lot (34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184; Parking lot behind church on Sims Ave. btw 3rd & 4th St.)

Start Time: 11am; Caravan to depart promptly from both locations 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; Love Life Fellowship Gathering 1-3 pm with light snacks & refreshments

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

Visit mi*LIFESPAN*.org for more details



From the President's Desk



Happy Father's Day to all our fathers that care for and nurture their children with love.

In today's modern culture the role of Fathers in the family structure has been diminished, in some instances they have been seen as irrelevant. As in the pro-life cause this didn't just happen by chance. There has been an agenda by some to break up the family. How better

to do this but to take fathers out of the family? Since the sixties there have been laws and government policies that have discouraged fathers from taking their rightful place in the family! What is that right place? That place, as all strong pro-life fathers know, is the head of your family. The role that is so important to nurturing and teaching a new generation as to what is important in life-God, Family, and Country.

God has created male and female and each one has their own unique importance in a family structure. They are equal but different! Men show strength through faith, love, and example. They teach their children to live in a hostile, godless world by passing on their values and knowledge. They work and strive to give their family the basic needs of life - food, water, and shelter. Often, I have written about the sad truth of an evil movement, working within our county, which is trying to break up the strongest structure needed for a healthy country, the FAMILY. Take God away from children, take strong fathers away from the family and you no longer have strong families.

Because there is a presence of a strong pro-life father, we can hope that this disturbing trend of weak families, can be changed. I have had the privilege to know so many of you and I thank God for your presence.

Abortion has been a strong influence on young men in today's world. Many have used this procedure to kill their offspring as a means of circumventing their responsibility of fatherhood. But, on the other hand there are young men, who like the speaker from our LIFESPAN "Celebration of Life" Dinner, Jason Jones, took seriously his responsibility of fatherhood. He knew his actions had created a new life and was willing to change his own life goals for his baby, only to have his child destroyed in the womb by a father forcing his daughter to have an abor-

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Given by: Donald Watkins, Jr.

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.

tion. Abortion has cheapened human life and made the pre-born child a commodity, not a wanted child created by God. It has taken away from men one of their most powerful attributes in life - protector and leader in the family. Lost fatherhood from abortion can never be undone.

It is time for men to say "no" to the culture of death. It is time for all pro-life men to stand up to the culture that is trying so hard to diminish your value and importance. It will not be easy, but I truly believe men can change this anti-life culture.

To all fathers who have been so steadfast working in the pro-life movement to change this anti-life culture, I salute you! I thank you for your strong commitment to life! I know, even though you may not always feel this, your influence has and will continue to have an impact on our future generations.

I pray that all men, whether you are a father, grandfather, son, uncle, cousin, or friend, to continue to have the courage to speak out, to continue your pro-life journey, no matter how many obstacles are thrown your way. And to continue to love, protect, and nurture the next generation.

The family, the country, and the world need your leadership and strength. God Bless You All!

- Diane Fagelman, President

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courage to stand up and act or turn away in fear of losing some personal comfort?

At the Celebrate Life Dinner on May 9, friend of LIFESPAN Dan Devine shared with the audience that he was in a dark place, angrily questioning God after our 2022 election defeat, when our own Diane Fagelman called and shook him out of it. Dan recommitted himself to re-light his passion to save pre-born lives and asked the audience to do the same. Our awesome speaker Jason Jones discussed how he grew up in a broken home, but gained a vision of fatherhood when his teenage sweetheart became pregnant. His girlfriend tried to hide it from her parents while he joined the Army to support her and their pre-born child. Terribly, her affluent parents found out and forced her (so much for "bodily autonomy") to have a third trimester abortion that killed his baby girl. Jason became a pro-life activist immediately and although initially an atheist, he flippantly prayed to God to give him the wealth, power, and success to help the unborn if He was real. Jason has since become a successful political

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 advisor who has attended meetings in the Oval Office, produced pro-life feature films, and even showed his award-winning short film "Crescendo" to the UN General Assembly. As well as a movie producer, Jason works as a global human rights activist today. Jason challenged the audience to overcome any fear and joyfully change our culture to support all human life.

Will you choose to curse the darkness or light a torch today?



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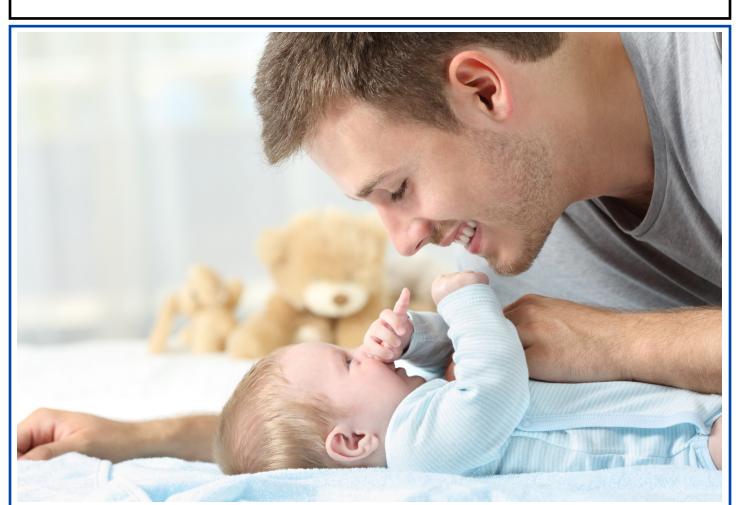
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