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LIFESPAN's 34th Annual

Celebration of Life

Dinner & Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

5:30 Auction · 7:00 Dinner

San Marino Club, Troy

Keynote Speaker:



Rachel Campos-Duffy

Co-host of Fox & Friends Weekend on Fox News

Outspoken Pro-Life Advocate · Mother of 9 Awesome Kids

Wife of the New Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy

For more information:

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See page 2 For Registration Form

There is no charge for this event, but please remember that this dinner is our largest fundraiser of the year.

2025 Fundraising Dinner Reservations: Reservations due	e by Friday ,	, April 18, 2025.
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Right to Life – LIFESPAN

invites you to join us for the 2025 *MICHIGAN March for Life* on November 6th in Lansing, Michigan!





We will have charter buses going to Lansing for the day!

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details from LIFESPAN in the near future!

You can also call 248-816-1546 or email us at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org for more information.

Combating Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

By Brad Mattes

Pritain is facing a significant controversy. Members of Parliament are currently debating a law to legalize assisted suicide.

The legislation allows terminally ill patients to request death if they are expected to die within six months. Most medical experts agree that it is impossible to determine a timeline for patients facing a terminal diagnosis.

The six-month caveat is nothing more than window dressing to advance a legislative agenda that will later be expanded.

This is not political hyperbole. Life Issues Institute researched the globe and found that 14 countries, including eleven states and territories within the USA have passed varying degrees of euthanasia.

Most countries or states began with allowing assisted suicide for terminal patients who were determined to die within six months. However, without fail, so-called safeguards were summarily dropped, attempted to be expanded or they have entered into discussions about increasing the number of qualifying patients.

The forces of death are tenacious. In some cases, it took four tries before their efforts of wearing down the opposition translated into success.

You may be shocked to learn that some patients who now qualify for assisted suicide or euthanasia include children between the ages of 1 and 12 or patients with dementia. Some offer their services to people living outside the country or state.

SUICIDE TOURISM

The tourism situation became so severe in Switzerland there were two attempts to limit their deadly services to its citizens, but both failed. Their slippery slope now allows assisted suicide for elderly people who simply wish to die.

The Netherlands specifically allows euthanasia for infants.

Austria permits anyone with a chronic illness to die. This would conceivably include conditions of diabetes, persistent pain, or even psoriasis.

Spain allows euthanasia for unbearable physical or psychological suffering which would greatly increase the number of people who qualify for death.

Ecuador's Constitutional Court ruled active euthanasia is available to all citizens.

The state of Washington allows residents to access deadly prescriptions via telemedicine. And now the medication can be prescribed by nurse practitioners or physician assistants.



With a stunning speed of just two years, Vermont jettisoned some of its key safeguards.

Our Global Timeline on euthanasia and assisted suicide is a powerful resource for domestic or international use. It is ideal for legislators, educators, and all advocates for LIFE. Access is free to everyone. https://lifeissues.org/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide-global-timeline

- Life Issues Institute, December 11, 2024



RTL-LIFESPAN Defending Life from Physician Assisted Suicide

Intensive Training
With Presenter Jason Negri

When: Saturday, May 17 9am-12pm

Why: To educate yourself about the realities and dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) & Euthanasia and prepare to speak publicly against PAS in your community. All participants receive 3 hours of expert presentation & hands-on training and take home a PAS training manual.

Who: Dedicated pro-lifers, Medical Professionals (especially those involved in Palliative Care), Estate Planning Attorneys, Disability Rights' activists. Other concerned community organizations are encouraged to sponsor ONE committed member to attend this training. (Space is limited to 30 participants.)

Where: St. Owen Parish Center

6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48150

Contact: Tim Pruse (tpruse@milifespan.org) or the Wayne Chapter Office (734) 422-6230 to register or with questions

Cost to Attend: \$40 (LIFESPAN sponsors the bulk of the cost).

Coffee & Continental Breakfast included.

2025 Be the Change

Hosted at the Auburn Hills Christian Center

Featuring Haili Gusa, Tacara McKay, and Emily and Nathan Berning

Why did you attend the event?

To learn and to practice; to defend the unborn and teach others about the importance of life; to have conversations more easily with people who are pro-choice; it was enjoyable last year; my parents signed me up; to learn more about the pro-life movement; to learn how to defend the pro-life community and babies' rights in the right manner and with the right words; a group of friends invited me; loved being there in 6th grade and thought it would be a great way to grow in knowledge about pro-life arguments; every time I attend I learn more about this movement; because it's a cause that is very close to my heart; because defending the unborn is important!











What did you think about Emily and Nathan's presentation called One Thousand Lives and Counting?

All the tips were so helpful and the story was awesome; really, really good – a big eye opener; very inspiring, a good reminder that we can do so much more; super duper interesting and Nathan's story was so sad/crazy/interesting/cool; very powerful and emotional, most of all blessed by the way they are definitely reaching out, can't wait for the book and watching the movie; very emotional, I have no words, it showed me that God has our backs all the time and it is so worth every risk to save a baby's life.

Saturday, March 8, 2025





Any other comments?

I liked all of the stories; thank you for the event – it was really interesting and helped me be better prepared; thank you to everyone dedicating their time and efforts to this event; hopefully I can come to more things like this; I can't wait for the next March for Life; I will surely come again to the next one, I feel much more knowledgeable, thank you; it was a great opportunity; put a greater push on attendees to refer other people; thank you to everyone who put this on – it was wonderful as always; thank you for everything, I always learn so much at these events, you put on an amazing program!











LIFESPAN Chapter News

Gentle Reminder

If you look at the label on your newsletter, you will see a short item indicating when your last membership expired. There has never been a better time than right now to support pro-life organizations and efforts. There is a hymn sung in many churches that starts out "...a new day is dawning..." and we certainly hope this is true. We hope this little "reminder" will encourage you to continue your support of *LIFESPAN*.

Auction and Ads

Elsewhere you will see information about our upcoming auction that takes place during our Celebration of Life Dinner on May 6th. If you have something that you think might be a good addition to the auction, please contact Chris or Karen at the main office at 734-524-0162. Also, and this is really important, if you know someone who owns a business, heads up a service organization or whatever benefits from advertising, please ask them if they will take an ad in the 2025 Resource Book. Hairdresser, barber, pet sitters, plumber, lawyer, doctor, mechanic, tutor, church, realtor cleaning company—anybody that would benefit from having pro-life people support their business. We encourage our

members to patronize our advertisers. The ads really help *LIFESPAN* continue to function.

Pro-Life News

<u>LifeNews.com</u> is an excellent source for reporting pro-life news. The editor of **LifeNews** provides timely, accurate, information on a whole host of pro-life issues. So much of what we hear and see regarding protection for moms and their babies is heavily weighted towards abortion that it is easy to think no one cares about alternatives. Think about the last time you heard or read something about abortion or euthanasia that presented

the pro-life side of the issue. **LifeNews** can fix that. It is free, just go to your App Store and download **LifeNews.com**.



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New in Wayne County

You will likely receive this newsletter after our Wayne Chapter Open House on Saturday, April 5 between 9am-2pm. If not, please stop in at your convenience to see our office updates office and meet our Board members and staff. Find out about the prolife resources and programs LIFESPAN may be able to provide to your family, church, and local community. Thanks to those of you who stopped by our Chapter to learn and say hello!

Some sad news is that our current Office Manager Rebecca Bridgnanan is resigning, effective March 31, to spend more time with her family. Rebecca will be missed. Please join me in offering her and her family our prayers and best wishes for the future!

If anyone you know is a pro-lifer looking for parttime employment, please contact Tim Pruse at tpruse@milifespan.org or send a resume if you are interested. In the short term, expect a cut in April office hours until the Office Manager position is filled.

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of *The Gospel of Life*

This Spring, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) authored by St. Pope John Paul II in 1995.

Christians of all denominations and people of goodwill received *The Gospel of Life* as a clarion call to protect life, defend human dignity, and offer healing to those who participated in or were impacted by abortion. Many impactful pro-life efforts and innumerable individuals were inspired by the reasoned and godly genius of this document to advocate for the unborn, elderly, and marginalized. Our friends at Priests for Life offer great resources to celebrate the anniversary at https://www.priestsforlife.org/evangelium-vitae.

One wonderful way to celebrate *The Gospel of Life* this Lent and Easter is to become actively involved in pro-life activities whether with *LIFESPAN* or 40 Days for Life. While 40 Days for Life updates tell stories of successes even in abortion havens like New York City and Sacramento, CA, there are only two active 40 Days for Life campaigns in all of Metro Detroit this year: Ferndale and Eastpointe. Fellow Detroiters, we can and must do better than this!

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This could be you! Office Manager
Audrey Ralko, Office Staff



Wee Care

Dear friends.

One of the exciting events that *LIFESPAN* arranges is their Annual **Baby Showers**. Each year, *LIFESPAN* contacts many churches and asks if they would like to host a shower (most are drop-offs) for a local pregnancy center. This year, 17 Pregnancy Help Centers were the recipients of showers hosted by 35 churches. Wee Care is blessed to be one of those pregnancy centers. We are so grateful for the beautiful baby supplies that we receive. Without the shower and Giving Trees at Christmas, we would never be able to help over 500 mothers every year.

The number of items that we distribute each year is mind-boggling — 4500 sleepers, 4500 onesies, 2500 receiving blankets (and that is just three items)! They also receive diapers, wipes, baby bath towels, crib sheets, bibs, socks, bottles, lotions and so much more!

Today, we helped a teen mom who has no family support and



a mom living in a cheap motel with her three little ones. We also helped a couple of moms who are struggling to provide for their families and have nothing for their precious babies

who are due this month. None of this would be possible without caring, beautiful people like you and I am grateful beyond words!

God bless you and have a Happy Easter and a wonderful sunny, warm Spring!

Love, Karen

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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.



YOUTH REPORT

Dear Students, Young Adults, Parents, School Teachers, Campus Ministers, Principals, Presidents, Administrators, Parish/Church Youth Groups and Leaders, DRE's, and other staff who work with young people,

Happy Spring to all of you!

We were truly pleased to present *LIFESPAN*'s 7th annual **Be the Change** event on Saturday, **March 8th** at the Auburn Hills Christian Center! We had 66 people in attendance, including the four speakers. We did not hold the event at St. Michael's in Livonia due to registrations being under the amount required.

We hope you enjoy hearing from the students and young adults who attended **Be the Change** (see pages 4-5). Stay tuned for more information in the future for our **2026 Be the Change** event.

We invite young people, parents, families and all other adults who want to join us for the evening to our Celebration of Life dinner and hear what our speaker, Rachel Campos-Duffy has to share with us! There are wonderful Silent Auction items and great gift cards that will be on our gift card tree! It's a fun, exciting dress up

evening out! We are looking forward to seeing many of you there! To make a reservation for the dinner see page 2 of this Newsletter.

Let's continue working together to



Lynn A. Gura,

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- Submit copy of your ad either as a hard copy, camera-ready ad or email ad to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just contact us! Payment must accompany Contract.
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YES, please send me a copy of the 2025 <i>LIFESPAN</i> Resource Book.			

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Put your special photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book



Purchase a special ad to recognize the accomplishments of someone special! It's a great way to acknowledge a graduate, retirement, anniversary, 1st Communicant, scout troop, special teacher, etc.! Purchase a 1/8-page ad to feature your children, grandchildren or other special someone in Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2025. *Photo Ads are tax-deductible*! Fill out the form for photo ads below and send \$50 with a non-professional photo, along with the names of those pictured, or other desired caption, to: LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305. All picture ads must be received by April 7, 2025. If you prefer to e-mail your photo, you may send them in JPEG format to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

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50 YEARS

From the President's Desk



arch, the ending of winter, and many of us are looking forward to spring and the beginning of new life which will surround us. Contemplating the beginning of spring got me thinking of how easy it is for society to accept the scientific explanation on the cycle of life except when it comes to the human

person. The explanation of development, new birth, and ending of a life cycle has been written in scientific textbooks everywhere. We accept that nature has its own cycle and all around us we see the miracle of life. We accept the textbooks that speak of nature and its reproductive qualities. There are so many examples from corn and its kernel to the lily and its bulb to the acorn and its tree. They exist, they are fertilized, they grow. The corn grows high and produces more corn, the lily bulb grows and produces more beautiful flowers which will reproduce, an acorn will grow large and the oak tree will produce more acorns; reproduction continues. If at any time, there is an interruption in this growth, they all die. Corn, a lily, an oak tree destroyed, and they are no more. Human reproduction is the same. We are scientifically known as Homo sapiens. In any biology textbook, you will see it starts from a small seed in the form of an egg, fertilized it, and a human person emerges. The highest of all species! Why? Because we can think, feel, create, protect each other, and change the world around us. But are we really the highest form of life?

How can we be the highest form of life when we allow the indiscriminate killing of our species, which will eventually lead to our extinction? Or are we just a civilization in decline, as so many civilizations before us due to laziness and loss of purpose?

Our society in America, as well as many societies around the world, have people and institutions that in their propaganda, deny that the person growing in the womb is a human person; denying all human right of the little one in the womb because of his or her location. Permissive laws to destroy humans in the womb, including our own state of Michigan, goes against all the laws of nature and ignores science. It is a scientific fact that that growing in the womb is not a carrot, not a radish, not a cat or dog - it is a human person.

Progressives have convinced a great many of our society that destroying the growing entity in the womb is acceptable. Yet, those same people cry out to the church and society in general: FOLLOW THE SCIENCE! They demand us to follow the science, but being the hypocrites

they are, they follow science only when it suits their beliefs. A scientific fact: that growing in the womb is a human person. But, to them that no longer matters. Thus, our laws no longer protect the child in the womb.

We must demand, when debating a pro-choice person, that they define that which is growing in the womb. Suggest they go to any biology book and read the development of the human person. Then and only then could we have an open honest discussion. We can debate with integrity and truth - that is if these liberal progressives are willing to follow the science.

Allowing abortion defies nature and science. Abortion laws must change: we need to protect the next generation. We need to stop any progressive laws that kill another human being. Allowing these laws ignores knowledge. Again, let's follow the science and stop the madness.

May God give us the strength and fortitude to demand this change. May He give us the knowledge to know how to best influence society, especially at a time when electronic media is such a great influencer.

Thank you for being a warrior for life. Thank you for being a member of LIFESPAN, together we will succeed.

Yours in Life, Diane



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2025 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

Spring Pro-Life T-Shirt Day

April 8, 2025

Annual Dinner & Silent Auction Guest Speaker: Rachel Campos-Duffy

May 6, 2025

Defending Life from PAS Intensive Training

May 17, 2025

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children

September 13, 2025

Life Chain

October 5, 2025

Autumn Pro-Life T-Shirt Day

October 6, 2025

National Pro-Life Cupcake Day

October 9, 2025

Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity

October 21, 2025

Michigan March for Life - Bus Trip

November 6, 2025

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

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

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A great big Thank-You to all the Churches that participated in our Annual Baby Shower for local Pregnancy Help Centers. We had 33 locations collecting for 16 different PHCs this year!

Auburn Hills Christian Center, Auburn Hills Sacred Heart of the Hills Church, Auburn Hills

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Beverly Hills

St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills

St. Owen Church, Bloomfield Hills

St. John Neumann Church, Canton

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Crisis Pregnancy Center, Lincoln Park

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Downriver Pregnancy Resource Center, Taylor

Gianna House, Eastpointe

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Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Southfield

Oxford Pregnancy Center, Oxford

Planned Choices Women's Resource Center, Allen Park

Redford Pregnancy Care Center, Redford

Wee Care, Livonia