**Wayne County Chapter**

 **Church Notes June 2025**

**June 7-8: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Abortions &Taxpayer Funds Rise Again (PP Part 3)***

**Planned Parenthood’s freshly released 2023-24 annual report details large increases from 2022-23 in abortions and revenue from Federal tax dollars. Abortions rose by 10,000 to 402,000 and $792.2 million in taxpayer funds flowed to Planned Parenthood’s revenue in the form of Federal reimbursements and grants, up nearly $100 million over 2022-23. While most of the “big, beautiful bill” currently debated in U.S. Congress is beyond *LIFESPAN*’s pro-life scope, be sure to hold all Congresspeople accountable to defund Planned Parenthood’s vast, growing subsidies in the bill. Planned Parenthood is an abortion business, not a health care provider, and our tax dollars provide 39% of their total annual revenue. Visit *michiganlifespan.org* to learn more. **Pray for an end to taxpayer support for Planned Parenthood and preborn lives will be saved**.

**June 14-15: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Dad, Thanks for Life!***

**This is a rare personal note as Chapter Director. My wife gave birth to our third child, Daniel, on May 1. His due date was May 26, and he was born just 3lbs 12oz. He is strong, healthy, and growing fast, which is a tremendous blessing. He is 3 weeks old as I write this note and it occurs to me that it is perfectly legal in the State of Michigan to kill a child in the womb of the same gestational age as my son. We need more men to champion life and to support the women in our lives with true courage and compassion. **Dad, thank you for giving me life and protecting me. I promise to honor you all the days of my life! Happy Father’s Day!**

**June 21-22: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Care for the Most Vulnerable***

**The New York Assembly recently passed a Medical Aid in Dying Act. As of writing it is up for consideration by the New York Senate. The Illinois State Legislature is considering similar legislation to legalize assisted suicide. As we know with the abortion issue, what happens in New York and Illinois today will impact what happens in Michigan tomorrow. Dr. L.S. Dugdale, M.D. of the New York Alliance Against Assisted Suicide boils the issue down to its essence stating Assisted Suicide, “…*Is not about dying well. It is about relieving society- government, medical systems, even families- of the responsibility to care for those who need the most help: the mentally ill, the poor, the physically disabled*.” Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to become a LIFESPAN member or volunteer and help protect the most vulnerable.

**June 28-29: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN God Bless America thisFourth of July***

June 24 marked the third anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision overturning the Federal mandate of *Roe*. Using census data, the Journal of the American Medical Association (which is not pro-life) estimates 22,180 babies were allowed to be born in the United States since June 2022 due to States which protect the right to life either in full or beyond 6 weeks gestation in a study published February 13. Certainly, for U.S. Catholics, but also for all U.S. Christians, and all Americans, it is an honor to have a native son in Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo used his first address to Vatican diplomats to state, “*No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly*…” ****All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.**