



# LIFESPAN news

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## Happy MOTHER'S DAY



"God could not be  
everywhere, and  
therefore he made  
mothers."

- Rudyard Kipling



## From the President

Dear Pro-life Friends,

I want to give out a special thank you to all of you who attended and supported our Celebration of Life Dinner. Emily Compagno was a great speaker and our Auction was successful and fun. We came together to laugh, tell stories, and enjoy an evening with like-minded people. This successful evening was made possible by those who worked and volunteered behind the scenes. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

It is that time of year that we also celebrate Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all the women who have dedicated themselves to love, teach, and pray for the little ones in their care.

God created women to be the carrier of the next generation. They have a unique role in His world and society. There are women, unable to carry a life within them, have become adoptive and surrogate mothers, their role is not less important.

One does not have to carry a child in their womb to be able to call themselves a mother. Think back at the strong women in your life who helped to make you who you are today. They could have been an aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, cousin, neighbor, teacher, nurse, or friend. It is interesting, the definition of mother in the Webster Dictionary; first definition: "a female parent": the second: "a woman of authority or an elderly woman". While these definitions still 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 this definition will last.

We live in a world where outside forces are trying to change society as we know it. Motherhood is being attacked. Fifty-three years ago, motherhood was attacked when the Supreme Court came down with Roe v Wade. Since that decision, the importance of motherhood within our society has declined. Motherhood, in past generations was an absolute. Motherhood is motherhood! You were conceived and nurtured in the body of your mother. You were cared for by her and your father - 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 care for those discarded by their parents. Not in today's world.

There is a movement that considers people the polluters and destroyers of the earth; pregnancy and motherhood are discouraged. Motherhood is no longer revered and accepted, as good, by many in society. This has been like 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 and nurturing the next generation. 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, speak out against the destruction of the female person. Do not let the rhetoric of the day stand without challenge; there are only two sexes, male and female (chromosome YY female, chromosome XY male). This cannot be changed no matter how people feel: it is a fact. Men cannot carry babies in the womb. They don't have one: that is a fact. No matter how many hormones you are given or how many surgeries you have to change your sex, it will not change the chromosome of your birth: that is a fact.

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"; let us show by our words, our teaching, and our example just what that slogan means. I will stand up and work for women who are being coerced into having abortions and will come to their aid. 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 2026, let us pray that God will give us the courage and voice to speak out and promote Motherhood; to teach and encourage young women that the greatest gift you can give the world is a child; a child that will promote the cause of good in the world.

Good mothers teach their sons and daughters to love God and country. They teach, through examples and words, to care for those in need, to love without condition, to promote the common good within the family, the community, and our nation. They teach that Life is a right from God and not government; that the protection and love of the human person is paramount, must be fought for, and protected. It begins in the womb.

Happy Mother's Day, especially to all the pro-life women who embrace their femininity and the pro-life cause. United we can do anything!

May God give us the courage to speak out in truth!!

Diane



## Notorious Abortionist Kermit Gosnell is Dead



WASHINGTON — The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) [March 23, 2026] issued the following statement regarding the death of Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia abortionist convicted of murdering infants who were born alive.

Gosnell, who died in March 2026 while serving multiple life sentences, was found guilty in 2013 of killing babies who were born alive during abortion procedures, as well as the death of a woman following a botched abortion. His crimes drew national attention for their brutality.

“Gosnell’s actions underscore a reality our nation continues to ignore,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

“Each abortion – no matter how it is performed – deliberately and brutally takes at least one innocent human life. Every day, unborn children—including those at late gestational ages—are intentionally killed in an abortion. Women continue to be harmed, and sometimes die, from abortion procedures.”

Evidence presented at trial showed that Gosnell routinely delivered babies alive and then killed them. In a 281-page Grand Jury report, it was revealed that for over 30 years, Gosnell killed thousands of late term-babies and delivered hundreds of others who were born alive but then killed by severing their spinal cords. Gosnell was responsible for at least two patient deaths and injuries to others.



### Help Wanted: Right to Life - LIFESPAN Wayne County Youth Director

The Wayne Chapter Youth Director leads LIFESPAN’s Generation Truth youth program within the Chapter. The Youth Director reports to the Wayne Chapter Director and collaborates with the Oakland/Macomb Youth Director. It offers the opportunity to minister to young people, build relationships, and serve the pro-life cause.

#### Job Description:

- Continually works to increase youth involvement by contacting and forming relationships with schools, church leaders, youth directors, students, parents, and home school programs/families.
- Builds and maintains the Chapter Youth database.
- Reports at Chapter Board of Directors Meetings.
- Plans and implements programs to educate the Youth and those who work with the Youth on pro-life issues and principles through activities such as the Be the Change pro-life training event, Pro-Life Chalk Days, and Movement in Motion Bus Trip to the National March for Life in DC.



**This is a Part-Time Position averaging 10 hours/week, starting at \$15/hour**

To apply, please send your resume to: Wayne Chapter Director Tim Pruse at [tpruse@milifespan.org](mailto:tpruse@milifespan.org) or call 734-422-6230 with inquiries.

# 2026 Be the Change Training - Wrap-Up



## Why did you attend the event?

- To learn how to defend being pro-life
- I wanted to attend with my daughters
- To better understand and defend the immorality of abortion and the dignity of human life with confidence and compassion
- I've grown up around the prolife movement and was interested in learning more

## What did you think about Dominic's presentation (Pro-Life Apologetics 101)?

- Very well structured, very well spoken, great pointers for dialogue with pro-choice people
- It was useful on how to build up a debate with pro-choicers effectively and learn from his experiences
- He gave me powerful tools and it's so cool to see a professional my age!
- Awesome, had an excellent wrap-up with a call to action



## What did you think about Haili's presentation (Bystander vs. Hero)?

- Her presentation and responses exposed the reality of abortion but nonetheless promotes activism to put an end to these injustices of our society
- It was emotional and jarring in ways that will hopefully motivate me for years to come
- It really opened my eyes to what really happens behind the curtain

## Final Comments from the Youth Director:

Twenty one students in attendance would like further training and are interested in registering for Protect Life Michigan's (PLM) Life Advocate Intensive program in the summer. That's the most interest in the training so far from those who attended our Be the Change event. They have all been provided further information on how to register. LIFESPAN will offer sponsorships to these students to attend.

LIFESPAN will be working with PLM on plans for the 2027 Be the Change! For more details when they are available, please contact Lynn Gura, Youth Director, Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, [oakmac@rtl-lifespans.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespans.org) or text her at 248-495-9563.



Thank you for all your support of our Generation Truth Youth Outreach!

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## The Electronic Age

These days we do so much more with computers and emails and messaging really gets confusing! We also change our email address frequently—usually when we get so much spam that we can't find real messages! In order to keep our records straight, if you have changed your email address in the last six months, could you please send the new one to our [email—oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:email-oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org). Be sure to include your name in the message or I won't know who you are!!!

## More Record Keeping

If you are wondering if your membership with LIFESPAN is still current, take a look at the address label on the back of this newsletter. You will see a date telling you when you last renewed. It is really difficult to get current information about prolife matters, and we like to think that we do provide the most important developments in our struggle to protect babies, their moms, the elderly, and those with special needs. We try to send to as many of you as possible, but we need your help—if your membership is not current, won't you please renew – today!!

## Who Are the Victims

We know that frequently women feel they have no choice but to abort their babies. They are victims of their circumstances, and that is sad and a stain on humanity. But there are other victims in this situation. These are the unborn children who will not be brought to life. They have no way to protect themselves or even speak for themselves. Someone must be brave enough to speak for them. To speak with love for mom and baby, to speak with compassion for difficult circumstances, to speak with hope for a good outcome. Are you that person?



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## Brief Review of Best Practices for Pro-Life Apologetics

LIFESPAN's **Be the Change** Conference in March is always just as insightful for adults as it is for teens. The speakers from Protect Life Michigan do a wonderful job instructing on the basics of pro-life apologetics. The approach is a version of the Socratic method using questioning to draw the other party to acknowledge that the preborn are human beings, it is wrong to kill innocent human beings, and therefore abortion is wrong because it kills innocent human beings. Now defining the preborn as human has biological and philosophical components. The biological is simple, as it is undisputed scientific fact that life begins at fertilization. Philosophically, begin from a human rights perspective. Before even mentioning the preborn, it is helpful to ask "Do you support human rights?" Nearly everyone will reply affirmatively. The natural follow-up is, "Do you think all humans are worthy of human rights or only some?" If the person agrees they support human rights, human rights should be for all, and the preborn are human beings, they may even change their mind about abortion or they will have to perform mental gymnastics to justify their defense of abortion. It is important to note that some you speak to may be angry or hostile and, as long as you are physically safe, just listening and hearing them out is best. The conversation may simply plant a seed. **SLED** is also a helpful acronym as our status as human beings worthy of human rights does not depend on:

**S** = Size. Does height or weight or determine human value? Is it more acceptable to kill a small person than a large person? If so, why?

**L** = Level of development. Does mental or physical ability determine human value? Who determines which characteristics of development are worth more than others? Fetus or zygote simply describe a certain point in human life the same as infant, toddler, adolescent, or elderly.

**E** = Environment. Does being inside or outside of the womb determine human value? Being in a wheelchair? Living in a big city or small town, one state or another, one country or another?

**D** = Degree of Dependency. Is a preborn child dependent on its mother? Of course! But is an infant or toddler dependent on others for survival? Absolutely! Were the Artemis II astronauts flying around the Moon entirely dependent on Mission Control for survival? 100%.

Wayne County

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

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 Mother’s 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 Wee Care moms and their little ones—have a beautiful day surrounded by love, hugs, laughter and all God’s blessings!



Love, Karen



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Karen Patrosso, Director

All material & monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

Wee Care



Our 7th year of the **Be the Change** event was the best ever! We focused this year solely on pro-life apologetics with two trainers from Protect Life Michigan (PLM), Haili Gusa and Dominic Hoving. And, our Emcee, Max Petrosky, also had training experience with PLM, so he was able to help out with leading a breakout session with the adults while the other two were leading breakout with the young group.

Personally, as the Youth Director for LIFESPAN, I was so deeply moved by what I

observed and heard. The quality of the pro-life apologetics and the way the trainers spoke on their topics and interacted with the attendees of all ages was phenomenal! They held the attention of everyone when they were presenting their topics. I am truly grateful for the long friendship

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*Be the Change*

*Lynn A. Gura*

Youth Director for LIFESPAN Ed. Fund



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Generation Truth Youth

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers & Sisters

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children



Saturday, September 12, 2026 - 1:00 pm  
White Chapel Cemetery

### OUR FIVE UNBORN CHILDREN OF GOD

"In 1980, the bodies of 5 pre-born infants were found in Oakland County. Four bodies, found in a self-serve storage locker, were said to be 5 months or less in gestation. The fifth child found in a plastic container behind a medical clinic, was found to be approximately 8 months in gestation.

"It was felt by Right to Life - LIFESPAN that a more fitting place of the bodies was imperative. These children were not able to experience their right to life and we felt that at least, in death, their humanity should be recognized and burial be provided as should and would be provided for any other member of our human family.

"Through the courtesy of A. J. Desmond and Sons, Funeral Directors, and White Chapel Cemetery, the bodies of these preborn children were laid to rest in a brief and simple ceremony on May 2, 1980."

*LIFESPAN Newsletter, May 1980*

In 2020, we gave our babies names: Anthony, John, Joseph, Grace & Mary.

**On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, LIFESPAN will join other Pro-Life Americans across the country to honor the memory of 63,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.**

### DATE & TIME

Saturday, September 12, 2026  
1:00 pm  
Please join us for a short memorial service with a rose ceremony at the grave of our precious children.

### LOCATION

White Chapel Cemetery  
621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, Michigan 48098

Garden of the Last Supper

### MORE INFO:

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National Day of Remembrance is a joint project of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-Life Action League.

**Registration & Sponsorship Form on Page 11**

# LINKS FOR LIFE 2026

Save the Date: July 31



## LIFESPAN'S 6th Annual Charity Golf Outing

**Right to Life— LIFESPAN** invites you to

**Save the Date: Friday, July 31, 2026**

**Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton, MI**

*Best Ball Golf with Hot Dog Lunch, Steak Dinner, Contests, Raffles & More!*

*\$140/golfer or \$520/foursome; \$50/dinner guest; Sponsorships start at \$100*

**Early Bird Registration is OPEN. Call (734) 422-6230 or email**

**[wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org) to register, sponsor, w/ questions**

## Links for Life is coming - Don't forget to Register!

### 2026 LINKS for LIFE Charity Golf Outing

Right to Life- LIFESPAN is a 501c(3) organization and all Sponsorship donations are tax deductible. Please make checks out to RTL- Lifespan and mail to RTL-Lifespan Wayne Chapter, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 210, Livonia, MI 48150. Visit <https://milifespan.org/donation/> and comment "Golf" to charge.

#### Sponsor Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_ hole(s) at \$100 per hole as a Hole Sponsor.

*Hole Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We would like to be an Event Sponsor for \$250.

*Program Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box, Sponsor recognition in the printed program, & the option to include a business card or promotional information in Golfer Gift Bags.*

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (for business/organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Contact E-mail and/or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send the desired text and/or a jpeg or gif of your desired image or business card to [wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org)*

#### Golfer & Dinner Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please register 4 golfers at \$520 per foursome.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please register \_\_\_\_\_ golfer(s) at \$140 per golfer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please register \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s) for dinner only at \$50 per guest.

*Check-in begins at 8:30am on Friday, July 31st with Shotgun Start at 9:30am.*

Team Captain or Individual Golfer Name, E-mail Address, & Phone Number (required)

Additional Team Member or Dinner-only Attendee Names & E-mail Addresses

\_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ Included for Golf and/or Sponsorships

*Note: LIFESPAN will NEVER share your personal contact info with any other organization.*

# Mississippi Governor Signs Bill to Ban Mail-Order Abortions

By Dave Andrusko

Although it was completely expected, it's wonderful to hear that Mississippi pro-life Gov. Tate Reeves has signed House Bill 1613.

HB 1613 amends the state's drug trafficking statutes to make it illegal "to create, sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or prescribe an 'abortion-inducing drug.'"

HB 1613 passed both the House in February and the Senate in March by overwhelming margins "Penalties for those convicted of a crime include up to ten years in prison," according to Bridget Sielicki. "Additionally, the legislation allows the Attorney General to bring a civil lawsuit against anyone accused of violating the law" but imposes "no penalties on the mother taking the abortion drug — only those involved in trafficking and distributing."

"NRLC commends Governor Reeves and the Mississippi legislature for taking this bold and necessary step to protect both unborn children and women from the dangers of unregulated abortion drugs," said Ingrid Duran, director of the Department of State Legislation for National Right to Life. "HB 1613 rightly holds traffickers and distributors accountable while making clear that women themselves are not the target of prosecution."

Mississippi State Rep. Celeste Hurst, who introduced the amendment, told the Mississippi Free Press, that the intention of her amendment is to ensure patient safety by clarifying that it is illegal under state law for doctors to prescribe those medications without an in-person visit from a patient.

"Right now, it's being mailed out without any doctor oversight and without any age verification whatsoever—they're not even verifying if the person they're communicating with via form is a woman," she told the Mississippi Free Press on Feb. 16.

Hurst made clear that under HB 1613, "If a doctor gave that medication for an abortion, they would be doing a criminal act," but that "if they prescribed it for something that is not abortion-inducing, then there's nothing in that law, or in current law, that would prohibit them from doing that."

State Sen. Daniel Sparks added that "Anyone, male or female, could fill out a form and have that drug shipped to them. A human trafficker could put it in a woman's hot cocoa."



Post Dobbs, Mississippi has passed some of the most protective abortion laws in the nation. It is generally considered to be one of the five most pro-life states.

By contrast the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute lists Mississippi in its "most restrictive" category.

*\* LifeNews.com, April 14, 2026*



**Needed:**

**Book Angel** for organizing and filling in the Religious Book Section at our Book Depot in Livonia.

Contact the Main Office  
(734-524-0162)  
for more information

## Be the Change (from p. 6)

we have built between LIFESPAN and PLM through many years! It was a beautiful day all around in every aspect!

We hope you enjoy reading the many inspiring comments we received and seeing some awesome photos from the event (thanks to a college student, James Wade, who was working for PLM that day)! See Page 4.



Donations have been made -

In Memory of:

Earl Vogel

Given by: Donna Horsley

**UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS**

- 7/31** LINKS FOR LIFE
- 9/11 - 11/15** 2027 BUS TRIP REGISTRATION
- 9/12** DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
- 10/4** LIFE CHAIN
- 10/17** LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

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**Right to Life -LIFESPAN Membership Form**

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*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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<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Pledge	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Coming Up in



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**Dinner** May 5th  
Troy - with Emily  
Compagno -  
is coming!

Our **Candidate  
Survey** will be  
found in the next  
newsletter.

# HAPPY Father's Day



"No man stands  
taller than  
when he stoops  
to help a child."

- Abraham  
Lincoln