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UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like the file emailed to you, please contact us at info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com.

3rd Monday

Monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Right to Life Office

Thursday

Office hours from 2 to 4 p.m.

October 1, 2023

National Life Chain Witness 2-3:30 PM

October 6, 2023

Ohio March for Life 10am-1pm—Ohio Statehouse

November 7, 2023

Vote NO on Issue 1

January 20, 2024

March for Life 2023 in Washington, D.C.

March 16, 2024

Clark County Right to Life Oratory Contest

April 14 or 21, 2024

Pro-Life Education Fair at St. Joseph Activity Center; Springfield

“Life is too precious. Do not destroy it.” Mother Teresa of Calcutta

A LETTER OF THANKS

This letter is written to a person who may never read it. It is also written to women who have given their babies over to be adopted, as opposed to having the pregnancy terminated. Names, places, and dates are fictitious.

Dear Friend/ Friends,

It was a clear, crisp spring day. I stood looking through the living room window as my seven-year-old adopted daughter played jump rope with the girls from around the block.

As I watched all of those blond shiny curls bounce in the wind, I was reminded of a day late in the fall when I was at the doctor's office. I had been diagnosed earlier with breast cancer. On this particular occasion, I was warned to keep from getting pregnant. It would not be good for me or the baby if I did.

That was not at all what my husband and I had in mind for our future as a couple. We were both devastated at this development. Eventually we decided to adopt a baby. We fulfilled all of the requirements needed for adopting.

Twenty-one months later, we received a call that would change our lives forever, in all of the best ways. The voice at the other end of the phone said, "We have a baby for you if you are still interested." One week later we were parents.

Seven years have passed and as I remember that time in our lives, I think about how fortunate we were to receive this beautiful child. I also appreciate the difficulty of the decision to put the baby out for adoption. There are no words to adequately describe this.

I know that the possibility of our child's birth mother ever reading this is very remote. My gratitude is no less sincere, regarding this lady and to all mothers who have made a similar decision. You are special among women. God's blessing on you now and always. You are an example of goodness, strength and integrity.

Sincere
Thanks,
Written and
submitted
by Linda
Ervin



THE ISSUE OF OUR LIFETIME

This November, Ohioans will vote on what is arguably, the most important issue of their lifetime. On November 7th, the *Right to Reproductive Freedoms with Protections for Health and Safety* initiative will appear on the ballot as Issue 1. Issue 1 is a citizen-led constitutional amendment. This means that if passed, Issue 1 would amend the Ohio constitution. How would Issue 1 amend our constitution?

According to the language of the amendment itself, Issue 1 would "allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability if, in the treating physician's determination, the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health..."

Thus, Issue 1 would amend the Ohio Constitution to allow for abortion up until birth. In plain speech, if Issue 1 succeeds, the right to murder preborn persons will be enshrined in the state constitution. Issue 1 needs a simple majority (50% + 1) of the vote to pass. This initiative is very similar to the one Michigan passed in 2022. If passed, Ohio would join in with California, Michigan, and Vermont in constitutionally protecting abortion. The same type of initiative is being considered in multiple states for 2024 and beyond.

RESPONSIBLE VOTING

November 7, 2023 is Election Day. There may be a crucial issue on the ballot regarding the sanctity of life which must be preserved for true freedom. It involves permission for abortion in the Ohio constitution but that will depend on the voter's decision. This ballot initiative must be defeated for legal prohibition. Exercise caution in consulting some social media so that truth will triumph on Election Day!

Release Date: August 12, 2023

Letter Opposing November Amendment

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati released the following letter to the faithful, today: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- **Put women at risk.** This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- **Threaten parental rights.** The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- **Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy.** The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

ABORTION 
stops a beating heart

Save My Life
Vote
NO
On Issue 1
November 7



PRO-LIFE ILLUMINATION

May pro-life values bloom like beautiful flowers in your daily life! Ponder the following questions:

- 1) What specific pro-life values are currently blooming in your daily life?
- 2) Is witnessing to the sanctity of life challenging? How?
- 3) Are you aware that chemical abortion exists and that it surpasses surgical abortion?
- 4) Did you know that pro-life vehicle magnets and yard signs are available from our office for your pick up? (Contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.)

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Clark County Republican Women’s Club
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2023 ANNUAL RIDE, WALK, AND RUN FOR LIFE

Thank you to all of our sponsors and to all of our attendees! We had about 20 people attend at the Old Reid Park on Croft Rd. on June 17, 9am-12pm. Our sponsors are listed on the t-shirt. We had great weather and a safe time by all. Hot dogs and snacks were enjoyed by all. Be sure to join us next year on the Saturday before Father’s Day!



**Clark County Right to Life Baby Photo Contest at the
Clark County Fair July 21-28, 2023 Winners!**

Thanks to all of our 64 contestants and their families and supporters! It was a fun week with parents submitting beautiful photos of their babies under 2 years old. We love to celebrate life and this is our annual event to do that. Many of our supporters helped serve at our booth in the Mercantile Building. All entrants will receive a certificate of appreciation. Winners for the most money contributed are #1-Delaney Ketterman, #2-Cambrie Curtis. #3-Lydia Blair. Winners for the random draw are #1 Oakleigh Clayton, #2-A.J. Tobin, #3-Lhenzlee Springer. The above winners will receive checks in the mail.
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DOBBS CELEBRATION OF JUNE 29, 2023

Our neighboring pro-life affiliate : Greene County Right to Life hosted a Dobbs remembrance celebration at Young's Dairy Event Center in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Clark County Right to Life members and friends attended the event which consisted of dinner and a presentation. There were 56 official registrations but the turnout exceeded that number which was very impressive. Jenna Powell who serves in the Ohio legislature was the guest speaker. Her presentation focused on the upcoming 2023 election. Support only those laws that will result in genuine freedom and renounce those that are instruments of slavery is my conclusion.

PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Trustworthy resources are essential for understanding the value of human life. Secular media is notorious for bias, superficiality and intentional omissions. This creates confusion. The following pro-life websites are very useful to consult so that worldly deception and traps are avoided.

- 1) lifenews.com
- 2) silentnomoreawareness.org
- 3) stopp.org
- 4) patientsrightscouncil.org
- 5) thomasmoresociety.org
- 6) lldf.org
- 7) americanlifeleague.org
- 8) studentsforlife.org



AVAILABILITY OF PRO-LIFE VEHICLE MAGNETS


Did you notice the picture of the pro-life vehicle magnet in the October 2022 Right to Life news letter? The magnets will be available at our educational fair on April 23 and also at the Clark County Fair in July. Our booth location is in the Mercantile Building. Plan to obtain a free one and witness to the precious gift of life by using it on your vehicle-auto ,truck, motorcycle, bicycle, trailer(or one that has not been named?) The magnet's brief message is: "LIFE IS SACRED. RESPECT IT." (2 lines) Is this truth incorporated into life ?.Let us hope that it will influence one's conversion to the truth and need to respect human life from womb to one's earthly end. That will be a tremendous blessing!

REMEMBRANCE OF THE BELOVED UNBORN

Clark County Right to Life sponsored this annual service at the Infant Bench Section of St. Bernard Cemetery in Springfield on Saturday, September 9,2023 at 10 A.M. It consisted of prayerful reflections, meditative music and ,a presentation by Pastor Cain of Lawrenceville who provided the reflection message. . One of the attendees was an abortion survivor and shared her incredible story. She is a zealous advocate for the adoption process. Community attendance was appreciated and it is our hope that families and friends will encourage participation next year in honor of the Beloved Unborn. This is an authentic and humble way to promote a 'civilization of love' and prayer must be the foundation.

Let's Make Human Life Legally Protected all over America, from conception till natural death!

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (man kind) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator (God) with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Abortion  Stops a beating heart

I want to join Clark County Right to Life:

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual dues are \$20.00, Monthly meetings-
third Monday at 5:00pm at

**616 N. Limestone St., Suite 1,
Springfield, OH 45503**

Send donations to this address
(we are a 501c4 organizations).

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**JOIN US AT THE
2023 OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE
ON OCTOBER 6!**



Save the date and plan to attend the second annual statewide March for Life

After the incredible success of the inaugural Ohio March for Life, Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) is partnering again with the March for Life Education and Defense Fund to host another march in Columbus this fall! Here are the details so far:

Friday, October 6 • 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ohio Statehouse • 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215

The March is an incredible opportunity to:

- Show your lawmakers that you are committed to seeing the end of abortion in Ohio
- Learn about civic engagement and the freedom of assembly (an especially great opportunity for students!)
- Rally with your family, friends, church, school—whatever communities you belong to—and unite the voices of Ohioans in celebration and support of the unborn.

Registration is not necessary to attend, but it is strongly recommended—especially if you want to receive updates on the event.

For more information, contact CCV at 513-733-5775 or contact@ccv.org. Stay tuned for more details.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

Thank you for writing to me. In overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court has taken away a constitutional right from the American people to make the most intimate decisions about their health care and families without government interference. Now, fundamental rights to privacy, autonomy, freedom, and equality have been denied to millions of women across the country, with grave implications for their health, lives, and well-being.

What we're witnessing is a giant step backward in much of our country, but let me be clear: Access to reproductive care is health care. Vice President Harris and I will fight for the freedom of all people to build their own future and determine their own destiny.

That's why I signed an Executive Order that safeguards access to reproductive health care services such as medication abortion and contraception and ensures emergency medical care. It also protects the privacy of patients and their access to accurate information and promotes the safety and security of everyone who seeks and provides health care services. Finally, this Executive Order makes sure that the entire Federal Government is coordinated in our efforts to protect reproductive rights and access to health care across America.

The Supreme Court and its allies are committed to moving America backward with fewer rights, less autonomy, and politicians invading the most personal of decisions. This decision affects everyone, and the American people must continue to demand that Congress enshrine the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into federal law. I believe Congress should do so with a simple majority vote, but if Congress lacks the votes to do that now, you need to make your voices heard. Our daughters and granddaughters deserve the same rights as their mothers and grandmothers.

This fight is not over. To find out more about your right to access reproductive health care, visit ReproductiveRights.gov.

Sincerely,

Clark County Right to Life Officers

Elected on 9-17-22

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SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR RTL NEWSLETTER

Submit an article by email to

info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com

by the following dates: April due by March 15,

October due by Sept. 15

BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Clark County Representatives

State Rep. District 71:

Bill Dean (614) 466-1470

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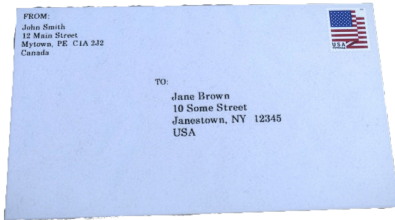
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I want to begin or continue membership in Clark County Right to Life!

Name _____

Address _____ City and Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check to receive Newsletter by email Check to continue or not continue to receive newsletter by mail

Donation enclosed (\$20 Membership or More) _____ (THANK YOU!)

Participate in Ride Run or Walk for Life, (June) (No Entry Fee) _____

I can volunteer to help Right-to-Life with (circle as many as you like):

Fundraising Contacting officials Fair/Baby Photo contest Speaking Office work Web Site Ads/
Marketing Newsletter Ads/petitions Membership Legislative Education Maintenance

Other ways I want to help _____

We are a 501-c (4) organization and we do not have the same tax deductibility as a 501-c (3) organization.