

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Summer 2020



NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to you all! As we all know, our world and culture has endured much change, hardship and suffering since our spring newsletter. Yet amid all of this chaos, we also see unity in problem-solving, adversity being challenged with solutions, and hope being fostered. Though the many distractions from the world often block our view from living God's calling, our Heavenly Father patiently and continually draws us nearer, speaking to each of us in many ways. Although we all stumble and fall among the many traps and temptations that are set to draw us away from each other and from carrying our light of Christ to others, we manage to get back up. COVID-19 has been a trap drawing people away from each other and is a distraction from focusing our efforts to bring an end to abortion in America and to proclaim the Right to Life for all. However, Knox County Right to Life through God's grace was able to forge forward with effective meetings utilizing the ever present Zoom application. This web-based video conferencing tool enabled us to talk as a group in order to continue our plans to promote life. We shared our gratitude in being able to accomplish one of our major fundraising events, the Pancake Breakfast, before the shutdown. We unanimously agreed to make a financial commitment to our local Women's Pregnancy Center for much needed upgrades of office equipment as well as a donation of five infant car seats.

We happily committed to continue to meet as a group in this manner, to ensure the continuation of annual events such as the October events: Life Chain, the Pro-Life Pastor's Dinner (Oct. 17), and the Festival of Life (Oct. 18). We are grateful to both Father Miller of Corpus Christi Church and Pastor Scott Wilson of Bethel Baptist Church for their willingness to host these events again. Of course all of this will be contingent upon the local and state rules related to the pandemic. It is with hope and faith in God's will that we look forward to these events.

May all of you have a most blessed summer, and thanks for your continual active involvement, prayers, and financial support.

Jennifer Remmes

President of Knox County Right to Life

CRITICAL-TIMES SUPPORT FOR PREGNANCY CENTER

During this COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted so many, Knox County Right to Life was able to help the Galesburg Women's Pregnancy Center with several significant improvements.

Donations received in memory of Patrick Kennedy were used to purchase five infant car seats. There was a great need for updating the computers at the Center. A laptop for use with effective updated videos and information for young women and a Windows 10 laptop and printer for the director of the Center were also purchased.

Through a very generous donation from Dr. Peter Kehoe of Kehoe Eye Care, an updated phone system was installed thus improving the Pregnancy Center's ability to manage their volunteer calls more efficiently.

Knox County Right to Life continues their support of the Women's Pregnancy Center with moneys for updates of the website and purchase of cribs, car seats and other items for newborns. We are very grateful for our Pro-Life community and their generosity that allows us to help support the valuable work of the Pregnancy Center.

Lisa Lindstrom

DRIVE-THROUGH BABY SHOWER

FOR: WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER

Saturday, August 15, 2020 Knox County Right to Life will host a drive-through Baby Shower at the Women's Pregnancy Center at 1252 W. Fremont Street. It will be a drive-through event due to the current circumstances. It will be held 9 A.M. – 11 A.M. Here are some of the needed items: Baby Bottles 4 oz. & 8 oz.; Baby Bath Towels; Baby Cribs; Crib Mattresses, crib mattress pads and sheets; Diaper Bags; Diapers (sizes NB, 4's, 5's, 6's); Wipes; Sleepers (light weight). And of course monetary gifts are welcome.

Please enter at the Colonial Baptist driveway off Fremont Street and exit at Court Street.

Can't Wait to See You!!

Pat Lee

GALESBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR LIFE

The Galesburg High School Students for Life Club came to a successful close this year. Despite the early cancellation of school due to COVID-19, the club was still able to be active in our school and community. Our last event of the school year was a tabling event during lunch where we promoted our club to the school. This event generated a lot of interest in the club. With potential easement of the COVID-19 restrictions in the summer, we hope to do one more event to support the local pregnancy center.

Looking ahead to next year, the club's next president will be Michael Younes. Michael will be a senior and has been with the club since his freshman year. Michael has been very active in club events and has attended the March for Life in Washington, DC twice. We are very excited to see the club continue and spread the pro-life message at Galesburg High School.

Gerard Remmes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Knox County Right to Life's annual Pro-Life Pastors' Dinner is scheduled for Saturday night, October 17th, 2020. Corpus Christi Catholic Church will again host the 7:00 p.m. dinner that honors all of the pastors and their congregations who assist us throughout the year with our many projects and activities.

The following evening, October 18th, Bethel Baptist Church will host our Festival of Life at 6:30 p.m. This year's Festival of Life will feature a presentation by the GHS Students' for Life Club. The keynote speaker for both nights will be Reverend Bob Vanden Bosch, the CEO of Concerned Christian Ministries. Reverend Vanden Bosch will assist us in becoming involved with the spiritual and moral direction of our country. He will challenge and encourage us to become politically involved by using our contacts and our social media to share the pro-life message; He will not endorse any party or candidate, but rather show us how to promote our Christian values as best we can in the political arena.

Both of these events are scheduled, keeping in mind that we will abide by any quarantine regulations, should there be any in effect at that time. We will keep you posted.

Pat Conklin

NOTE RECENTLY SENT TO LEGISLATOR

Assuming the Right to Life for all human life comes from the state, then it logically follows, does it not, that the state has the power and authority to take that Right to Life away, even at its own whim?

However, if the Right to Life is invested in all human life because of its very nature as human life, or that right is invested in all human life by nature itself or nature's God, then no one has the right to take that Right to Life away, except in one's own self-defense, correct?

Which proposition do you believe?

Dick Conklin

ARE YOU PROUD TO BE PRO-LIFE?

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, challenged its members to ask themselves three questions: 1) Are you Proud to Be an American, 2) Why are you Proud to be an American or what makes you Proud to be an American, 3) How do I, or can I, show I am Proud to be an American?

Can we Pro-Lifers engage in a similar exercise asking ourselves similar questions: 1) Am I Pro-Life, 2) Why am I Pro-Life, 3) Am I proud to be Pro-Life, 4) How or what can I do to show I am proud to be Pro-Life?

Some steps Heritage suggested its members take to show their Pride which we as Pro-Lifers can do as well: 1) Communicate your Pride and reasons for it through e-mail, Facebook postings and other social media tools, 2) Consider a letter to the editor in your local newspaper, 3) Encourage your younger children to create posters and post them in your home's windows, 4) Have your older children also consider postings to Facebook etc. expressing why they are Pro-Life and how they are proud to be Pro- Life.

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORS SIXTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Essay Contest for students, with cash prizes up to \$200.00. The contest is open to junior high and senior high school aged students, in grades 6 through 12, in Knox County.

Students must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the topic **“Describe your world in ten years: 1) if current pro-abortion laws are maintained and strengthened and 2) if strong pro-life legislation takes effect”**

Submissions will be accepted during the month of September, through the final due date of September 30th. Essay submissions may be mailed to **R. Flesher, 683 N. Cherry St., #305, Galesburg, IL 61401** or emailed to **rflesher007@yahoo.com**. Please include contact information for result notifications.

The awards will be presented as follows: First Place - \$200.00 and a plaque; Second Place - \$100.00 and a plaque; Third Place - \$50.00 and a plaque. The awards will be presented at the Festival of Life on October 18th, with the first place winning essay read by the student who wrote it.

Knox County Right to Life is pleased to partner with youth who will inspire their peers and future generations to stand up and support the sanctity of life at all stages.

Roxanne Flesher

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT'S

Our Christmas ornament this year is a bright red, white, and green JOY. A sprig of holly will display the year 2020. Up to 12 Santa heads can be across the top for individual names. I am really excited about it. We will be selling them through Saturday, Sept. 26th. The ornaments make nice inexpensive gifts (\$15.00) and will look great on a Christmas tree. Thank you for your support in past years and thank you in advance for your support this year! This will be our 25th year offering these ornaments for the support of Knox County Right to Life programs.

Again, Thanks to all of you!

Helen Rupert



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Check out these websites:

Illinois Federation for Right to Life

www.ifrl.org

National Right to Life Committee

www.nrlc.org

Knox County Right to Life

www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org

Women's Pregnancy Center

www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org

Don't Forget...Mark Your Calendar:

Every Friday – Prayer Warriors – spend one hour at the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave., in Peoria

August 11 – KCRL Meeting – 7:00 St. Patrick's Church (or Zoom)

August 15 – Community Drive Through Baby Shower – 9AM to 11 AM

Women's Pregnancy Center 1 1252 West Fremont

September 8 KCRL Meeting – 7:00PM McAteer Center at Corpus Christi Church (or Zoom)

September 26 – Christmas ornament orders are due (see details in this newsletter)

September 30 – Essay Contest submissions are due (see details in this newsletter)

October 17 – Pro Life Pastors Dinner, Oct 18 Festival of Life (depending on COVID-19 regulations and permissions) (See details in this newsletter)

Every Day – At home or away - Stay Safe, Stay Well, Pray for Unborn babies and their Moms.

