

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Summer 2021



NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to all Knox County Right to Life members! I pray for everyone who receives this letter to be either in good health or to be having a full and complete recovery from any medical concerns. KCRL has been meeting either by zoom or in person since last year. I am so grateful for all those who made the effort to push forward with alternative ways of attending these meetings. This has been quite difficult because of the covid restrictions and because many of our active members have been more recently knocked off their feet, due to other illnesses. Despite this, we have been prayerfully and thoughtfully discerning which events we can plan for this year. We are moving forward with the Women's Pregnancy Center Annual Baby Shower, The Festival for Life, Life Chain in October and Christmas ornament fundraising! So, I am asking for all members who have not been attending meetings and those who have in the past to please re-engage and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm! After our usual July meeting hiatus, meetings will resume in August. We would greatly appreciate any new insights or inspirations related to the mission of this great organization in our community. Our mission is committed to promoting respect for human life in all stages, from conception to natural death through education, support of our local pregnancy center and lobbying. I hope you will consider joining us and would be most grateful for your input. God bless.

Jennifer Remmes

President of Knox County Right to Life

WHAT DO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND V.P. HARRIS KNOW?

On January 22, 2021, the White House issued a statement from the President and Vice President. It states, "Today marks the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. In the past four years, reproductive health, including the right to choose, has been under relentless and extreme attack...The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to codifying *Roe v. Wade* and appointing judges that respect foundational precedents like *Roe*..."

Why does *Roe* need to be codified if it is already the law of the land?

Well, let us ask the question. In our U.S. Constitution who codifies laws? Who makes laws? Our constitution stipulates a 3-branch government and the powers thereof. The Executive Branch is to enforce the laws. The Judicial Branch reviews the laws. The Legislative Branch makes the laws reflecting the people's voices of whom they were elected by.

There we have it. The Biden- Harris Administration know very well the Supreme Court constitutionally cannot make any law. But that is exactly what they did in 1973. Michael Farris writes, "The Supreme Court simply wrote a statute and told the states they must follow it."

So why codify it now? Are they seeing evidence that the people are waking up to the knowledge and being given understanding that *Roe* is actually the lie of the land? Are they seeing the people guided by wisdom returning to the truth, state by state? Are they scared?

A. Lincoln 1st Inaugural Address

March 4th, 1861 "I do not forget the position assumed by some that Constitutional questions are to be decided by the Supreme Court...At the same time, the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having...resigned their government into the hands of the eminent tribunal..."

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE NEWS

A recent message from IFRL announced the positive news that parental notification legislation is, at least for the time being, to be retained. However, there is also the warning that “pro-life advocates still need to pay attention and be ready to fight against pro-abortion legislation. It could come back sooner than you might think.” The substance of the warning is that it is very possible that the Illinois General Assembly could soon vote on HB1797 and SB 2091 to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act.

Another concern noted by the Illinois Federation for Right to Life refers to President Biden’s budget request to remove Hyde Amendment protections. IFRL notes the following: “On Friday, May 28, President Joe Biden submitted his final budget request to Congress for the 2022 fiscal year. His proposal removes 45-year-old Hyde Amendment language from the federal budget, allowing even more federal tax dollars to fund abortions”. Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, notes that this budget request shows the President’s “allegiance to the extremism of pro-abortion groups and their allies.” Jennifer Popik, legislative director of National Right to Life reminds us that “The Hyde Amendment is widely recognized as having saved over two million American lives since it was first adopted in 1976.”

Please pay attention to what is happening in the state and federal legislative bodies and keep in touch with your representatives about our concerns.

ESSAY CONTEST

Knox County Right to Life Sponsors Seventh Annual Essay Contest

Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Seventh 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 *"We know that abortion hurts women and kills babies, but how does it harm us as a nation? Do we as a people suffer from the effects of abortion?"*

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 your school name or email 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 24th, with the first place winning essay read by the student who wrote it.

Over the last year we all were made aware of the importance of caring about the lives of others and doing all we can to protect those lives. 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

26TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TO GO ON SALE IN AUGUST

It is soon ornament time. This year’s anticipated design will be a gorgeous snowman with lots of red and green. Again you can personalize the ornaments with the names of the purchasers families. Right to Life members will be ready to take orders in mid-August and sell through September 25th. Everyone has been great to support us in the past. Please continue your support this year and enjoy this new ornament, the 26th in the series. We appreciate all of you who have collected these ornaments and who have gifted your friends and families with them.

Thank you very much!

Helen Rupert

NEW CENTERS TO SAVE BABIES AND THEIR MOTHERS IN PEORIA

After the May 3 arson fire at the Women's Care Center in Peoria that might have discouraged those who provide services to women in an effort to help them make good decisions for themselves and their unborn babies, that Center reopened quickly in a temporary facility to continue its important work to provide services to women with challenging pregnancies and their babies. This speedy re-opening was a demonstration that the powers of evil do not conquer the efforts of faithful warriors.

Now in a building right next to Planned Parenthood in Peoria, according to an article in the July 18 Catholic Post, the Destiny for Women Health Center providing pro-life Christian outreach is "set to open in late August. The center "will offer pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, parenting and finance classes, ultrasounds, and material aid such as diapers and clothing. It will not prescribe contraception." Medical professionals will staff the center and "several strong Christian women" will advocate for women in need. Kate Smart, a member of St. Jude parish in Peoria is spearheading the project as founder and director. She is quoted in The Post: "We're very much focused on saving babies, but we need to focus equally, if not more, on saving the soul of the mother."

DRIVE-THROUGH BABY SHOWER AUGUST 7 FOR WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER

The Women's Pregnancy Center and Knox County Right to Life will host a drive-through baby shower on Saturday, August 7th from 9 to 11 a.m. The event will be held at Colonial Baptist Church, 1232 W. Fremont St. Items that are most needed are diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) and crib mattresses and sheets. Monetary donations will be accepted and will help cover the Women's Pregnancy Center's operating expenses. Those who attend are asked to enter the church grounds from Fremont Street and exit on Court Street. For more information, call Pat L. at (309) 335-6775.

RESOLUTION PASSES FOR THE IMMEDIATE ABOLITION OF ABORTION

The Southern Baptist Conference brought a vote to its members on June 16, 2021 calling for a resolution for the immediate abolition of abortion in America without exception or compromise. Sensing the need of such a statement, Tom Ascol stated in a post "It is time for Southern Baptists to repent of their complicity in searing the conscience of a nation that has yet to cease the slaughter of the unborn innocents". Before the SBC vote he urged those present, "Scripture tells us to rescue those who are being taken away to death. The Lord is weighing our hearts today." His brother Will, one of the nine co-authors pleaded, "Can we not rise and stop the holocaust?"

The Text of Resolution on Abolishing Abortion begins with the following:

"WHEREAS, from the moment of fertilization, all humans are created in God's image by, through, and for Jesus to the glory of God, and all souls belong to Him (Gen 1:27, 4:1, Is. 7:14, Col. 1:16, Rmns 11:36, Ez18:4) and..."

ends with:

"RESOLVED, that because abolishing abortion is a Great Commission issue, we must call upon governing authorities at all levels to repent and "obey everything that (Christ) has commanded," exhorting them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance by faithfully executing their responsibilities as God's servants of justice, and working with all urgency to enact legislation using the full weight of their office to interpose on behalf of the preborn, abolishing abortion immediately, without exception or compromise (Mk 6:18, Matt 28:18-20, /Rmns 13:4,6)"

To read the entire text, please go to <https://baptistnews.com/article/sbc-calls-for-immediate-abolition-of-abortion-without-exception-or-compromise/>

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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:

August 7 Drive-through Baby shower for Women's Pregnancy Center – Colonial Baptist Church – 1232 W. Fremont – 9 to 11a.m.

August 10 – KCRL meeting – St. Patrick's Catholic Church – 858 South Academy – 7:00p.m.

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

**Second Tuesday of every month except July and December...7:00PM KCRL meetings.
Locations to be announced in Register Mail and church bulletins.**

September 30 – due date for essay contest submissions (see article in this newsletter)

