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# **KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE**

*March, 2024*

## **Note From Our President**

Dear Friends for Life,

I would like to remind everyone to continue to pray for abortions to stop. The overturning of the Roe vs. Wade decision did not end abortion, it just moved lawmaking concerning abortions from the federal to state level. If you have not heard, our Governor Pritzker desires Illinois to be the abortion capital of our country. Illinois allows abortions for any reason until fetal “viability” which is usually around 24-26 weeks of pregnancy. Also, effective on June 1, 2022 in Illinois, minors under 18 years old do not need to notify or get permission from a parent or legal guardian to have an abortion nor are they required to speak to a counselor or social worker first.

On another front, Walgreens and CVS pharmacies have recently announced they are certified to dispense mifepristone, a popular abortion pill, which is labeled “a prescription medication”. Over half of the abortions in the United States in 2020 were medication-assisted. In a statement to CBS News on March 1, both Walgreens and CVS stated they plan to roll out dispensing the abortion pill this month. Please lovingly talk to anyone you know who may be considering an abortion and encourage them to speak to someone at the Women’s Pregnancy Center here in Galesburg or contact one near wherever they live before making a final decision.

We are thankful for so many supporters of life. Our quarterly newsletters are emailed to 185 people and more than 30 churches. We also still mail paper copies of the newsletters to those who cannot receive them by email. If you would like to be added or removed from our mailing/email list, please contact me.

Please support Knox County Right to Life by registering and contributing \$10.00 each year as a member. A form is available in this newsletter or just send a check to Knox County Right to Life, P.O. Box 1462, Galesburg, IL 61402-1462 and note Membership on the memo line. We will also include the membership form in the final newsletter of each year as a reminder.

God bless all who stand up for those who go unheard – the unborn, disabled, elderly, and terminally ill.

Roxanne Flesher, President – (630) 533-9363

### **Illinois Really Is Becoming The Death State**

The End of Life Options Act (SB 3499) is a bill introduced in the Illinois Senate in 2024 that would allow terminally ill adults to choose a "medically-assisted death". The bill would give eligible patients the right to access life-ending prescription medication. A qualified patient with a terminal disease would be allowed to request that a physician prescribe them "aid-in-dying medication that will allow the patient to end the patient's life in a peaceful manner," the legislation states.

The proposed bill requires that patients be informed of other options beyond, such as hospice and palliative care. No health care professional would be required to participate in "aid-in-dying care."

## Pro- Life Legislative News

The 2024 spring session of the Illinois 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly is about to wrap up its spring session as of this writing. As one might expect, all of the pro-life bills introduced this session have been referred to the Rules Committee – a place where proposed legislation goes to languish and eventually die. On the other hand, the pro-abortion forces have introduced a number of onerous bills providing for such things as tax credits for women seeking abortions or physicians who perform abortions and relocate to Illinois from states that limit such procedures. Another bill would classify a parent’s refusal to provide their child with gender-transition care or abortion access as child abuse. (HB4876) Fortunately, that one is also in the Rules Committee.

Meanwhile, Illinois Governor Pritzker is traveling the country to promote pro-abortion legislation in other states. Pro-abortion promoters in the Illinois General Assembly are targeting a possible 2026 effort to amend the Illinois Constitution to enshrine the fetal death climate in our state as the law of the land.

Finally, SB3665 would require medical insurance companies to provide coverage for abortions at no cost and no deductible to women covered under their plans. At this writing, the bill is in the Senate Insurance Committee and there is a hearing on it March 12.

## Illinois AG Will Not Enforce Law Targeting Pregnancy Centers From The Telegraph, Alton, Illinois

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul has agreed to not enforce a law that would have targeted women’s pregnancy centers for alleged “deceptive practices” by counseling women to not have abortions.

The law was described by a Rockford judge as “both stupid and very likely unconstitutional” when he issued a preliminary injunction last year stopping its enforcement.

Raoul agreed to a permanent stop to enforcement of the law in a filing with the federal court. The agreement means that there will be no infringement of the First Amendment rights of women’s pregnancy centers in counseling women against abortion. The challenge was brought by The Thomas More Society and focused on the First Amendment issue.

The State of Illinois not only agreed to stop the enforcement of the law, which was passed by the General Assembly in 2023, but the state agreed to reimburse legal fees and expenses in the fight against it. (More of our tax dollars down the drain.)

Under the law, a judge or jury could have awarded up to \$50,000 in penalties for each so-called “act of fraud” or “deception.”

The same federal judge, Judge Iain Johnston in the Northern District of Illinois, will issue a decision on another Illinois law that would require physicians who do not perform abortions to a physician who does, even if the referring physician has a moral or religious objection.

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Knox County Right to Life invites you to join them for a delicious

# Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Suggested Donation

**\$5.00 Adults**

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**\$15.00 Family Maximum**



Breakfast includes  
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applesauce, juice, milk  
and a bottomless cup of  
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