

Protecting Innocent Human Life From Conception To Natural Death

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I pray that during this season of Advent you have grown closer to God and are prepared for Christ's coming.

In this newsletter is an article with thoughts from Dave Schmidt and Bishop Bonnar regarding the passing of Issue 1. I wanted to include it in this newsletter as everyone does not use the computer, and I felt you may be interested in the article.

Read the article about our 2nd annual Art & Essay contest and the Mass for Life on January 14, 2024. Included also is a prayer service that was held on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe..

I have tried to highlight some of the events RTL of Stark County has held in the last four months. Many of you have attended these events and many of you were unable to attend but pray for us in your homes. We thank all of you.

Please continue to pray for those babies that are being aborted. Pray that the pregnant women and expectant fathers will learn to love their babies and give them LIFE. Pray also for those couples anxiously awaiting the birth of their baby.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you who made new or renewed your memberships this past year. If you would like to make a contribution, you can make your check payable to RTL of Stark County **OR** if you wish your donation to be tax deductible, make your check payable to Stark County for Life Charity, Inc.

I/We, the board of Right to Life of Stark County wish you and your families a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May God Bless each and everyone of you. and bring you comfort, healing, and good health in 2024.

Yours for Life, Mary

MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop Bonnar will preside at a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood Street, Youngstown. Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb to women with child, and their families. Also there will be a blessing of pilgrims attending the National March for Life in Washington DC. All are welcome. A reception will follow. No reservations needed.

After years of legalized abortion, there is Hope and Healing available to millions of women, men, family and friends who are hurting by calling or texting, Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY 2ND ANNUAL ART AND ESSAY CONTEST

Right to Life of Stark County is seeking to engage the youth of our community in an ongoing effort to foster a culture of life. To serve this call, we are inviting any student currently in grades 4-6, 7-8, 9-12 to participate in our 2nd annual art and essay contest.

The contest will allow the students from each group to showcase their artistic talents and/or writing abilities by choosing from one of our Christian based contest subjects. Winning students will receive certificates and monetary awards starting at \$100. In addition to this, their works will be displayed at the Stark County Fair and our Celebrate Life Annual Dinner.

Do you have a talented child, grandchild, or know of a student that may be interested? Please contact Mary Kring: 330-418-5726, mak19812016@hotmail.com; Pat Dorka:

330-495-4656, patriciadorka@gmail.com or Linda Warren, 330-705-8814, pliestark@gmail.com. We will be happy to send you the guidelines and entry forms.

The deadline for entries is Friday, February 9, 2024.

Abortion Stops A Beating Heart

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HAVE YOU MOVED

We try to keep our mailing list up to date as best we can. If you have moved, will you please give us your change of address so we can update our records. Also if a loved one has passed away and is on our mailing list, will you please call so we can remove their name. If you are receiving a newsletter and you prefer not to be included on our mailing list, please call also so we can remove your name.



THE STORY OF CAROL (THERESA)

This article I am writing about is from a booklet that a very Pro-Life friend of mine gave to me to read. She thought it may have something I might like to include in a newsletter. This story is about a Native-American girl who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at eight years old. She came from a poor family who was living in their car with her mother, two brothers and a sister. She was taken to a hospital and left by herself. She received chemo and a foster care family took her in. This beautiful little girl loved the Right to Life movement and saving babies from abortion. She prayed for them and went to the marches. At thirteen years of age she had another surgery and her cancer had spread. The last March for Life she attended she had to sit in a chair and pray. She refused pain medication saying she was offering it up for the aborted babies. Before her passing, the caseworker was able to have her name changed; she chose Theresa. Theresa told the mother who adopted her that she asked God to send her a special baby. The next year she received two twin boys as foster babies. I thought this was a beautiful story, and I hope that you will also.

"CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER"

Saturday, September 16, 2023 we held our annual "Celebrate Life Dinner." The dinner was held at Divine Mercy Parish - St. Barbara Church Parish Life Center. The speaker for the evening was Ohio's 49th Treasurer of the State of Ohio, Robert Sprague. Treasurer Sprague is pro-life and spoke about the November election and the importance of what it would mean to the State of Ohio, with the main focus being to Protect Your Parental Rights. As has been the custom for the past several years, there is no charge for the event. Attendees were encouraged to bring a baby item to the dinner which would then be given to a local Pregnancy Center. We received 36 packages of diapers; many were 100 and above and several were less than 100, 24 packages of wipes, one container of formula, one box of cotton buds, one tube of A & D ointment, one bottle of baby powder, one bottle of baby lotion, one bottle of baby wash, four crocheted hats, and two packages of socks. These items were donated to Alliance Pregnancy Center who were very grateful for the donations.

THOUGHTS ON THE PASSING OF ISSUE 1

BY DAVE SCHMIDT and BISHOP BONNAR

Many have worked so hard to defeat Issue 1, from getting information in the parish bulletins and into the hands of fellow parishioners, distributing and posting yard signs, making phone calls and knocking on doors, giving talks and preaching homilies, and hours in prayer. Naturally we are all disappointed by the outcome of the election. The Ohio bishops stated, "Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope". There were many new faces and voices who stood up for life. There was cooperation and collaboration among bishops, dioceses, diocesan offices and the pro-life community. Bishop Bonnar commented, as a community of faith, we will build upon this collaboration and continue to promote the dignity of every human person.

Bishop Bonnar also said our care for life and one another can never be reduced to election day. We need to be intentional every day about our love for one another and human life. This is all about forming a "culture of life and a civilization of love". Let us continue to pray and work for the day when abortion is not only illegal but unthinkable.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12, Right to Life of Stark County held a prayer service at Planned Parenthood on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn. There were thirteen people in attendance for this "Post Issue 1" service. Although the abortion amendment was enshrined in the Ohio Constitution on December 7 participants witnessed to the community our continued efforts to protect the voiceless preborn. Signs read "Abortion is not Healthcare", "Abortion hurts Women", "The Right to Life is the First Right", "Adoption the Loving Option", and "Life is the First Inalienable Right". Thank you to Rosemarie Trenjan and Christy Ballor for organizing this prayer service.

It was reported by Father Thomas Cebula that 1.4 million Ohioans stood for LIFE. We need to continue praying in our churches and homes.

HEROIC MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Right to Life of Stark County continues to partner with Right to Life of NE Ohio in the online Heroic Media Campaign. The young people between the ages of 13-29 spend much time on the Internet, and we feel this is a good program to use as they work closely with pregnancy centers to always have the correct information. The videos do not say pro-life and Right to Life's name is not on the site. When the sites are viewed, Heroic Media is able to track how many times the sites have been viewed and how many times by the same person. Right to Life of Stark County is presently donating \$155.00 per month to this program.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, as defenders of life, establish Stark County Right to Life Inc. as an interdenominational organization dedicated to protecting every person's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We will strive daily through prayer, service, time, and energy to promote to people of every race, gender, and creed, their fundamental right to life. Under the guidance of our Creator we are called to be People of Life!

FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Fall 40 Days for Life was held from September 27 to November 5, 2023. We prayed at Planned Parenthood on Cleveland Avenue from 9-5 seven days a week. We would like to thank the 51 people who signed up to fill the hours and for many other volunteers who participated that had not signed up. Thank you to Alliance and Navarre K of C, Massillon K of C who prayed at the Massillon churches, parishioners from Queen of Heaven, St. Paul North Canton, SS Phillip and James and Little Flower. Thank you too for the many people who prayed from their homes and churches.

We were not able to pass out as much literature to clients going into Planned Parenthood this campaign as we have in the past. We were so blessed that this campaign was peaceful considering the new tenants in the building and the election.

During this campaign there were 261 babies saved from abortion internationally. We need to pray for these mothers who chose LIFE.

The Spring campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and end on Palm Sunday, March 24.

OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

Right to Life of Stark County and Knights of Columbus #5582 sponsored a bus to Columbus, Ohio for the 2nd Ohio March for Life. On Friday, October 6, 52 individuals traveled with us to the Ohio State Capitol where we listened to speakers including Pastor Walter Moss talk about Issue 1 and the importance of voting NO to Protect Your Parental Rights. We then walked several blocks through the city arriving back to Ohio State Capitol Square where we departed for our return trip back to Canton. There were people of all ages including people with walkers and people in wheelchairs. Vote NO buttons were passed out made by Gary and his volunteers. Right to Life Board Members passed out "Parental Rights" flyers. Silent No More table included Christy.

POST ABORTIVE HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats **1-877-HOPE-4-ME**

Bethesda House of Mercy **1-800-482-4100**

House of Hope **330-834-8224**

Project Rachel **330-360-0430**

Website <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>

Silent No More - Christy **330-206-6250**

www.silentnomoreawareness.org

MASS FOR LIFE

Sunday, October 1, Most Rev. David J. Bonnor, Bishop of Youngstown, celebrated Mass at St. Paul Church in North Canton. He prayed for the defeat of the pro-abortion amendment to the Ohio Constitution. Bishop Bonnor gave a blessing of Unborn Children and their Families and also gave a blessing to the Pilgrims going to the Ohio March for Life.

LIFE CHAIN

The 36th National Life Chain was observed on Sunday, October 1 at Planned Parenthood on Cleveland Avenue in Canton. Hundreds of communities are now involved in this Life Chain which began in California in 1987 by a pro-life group, Please Let Me Live. This is a visual statement by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

The ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children was held on Saturday, September 9 at Little Flower Parish Grotto. This day was in memory of Gianna John, the dismembered aborted child found in the garbage can at the Northeast Ohio Woman's Center in Cuyahoga Falls on June 7, 2021 and for all the Stark County Aborted Children.

Fr. Donald Feicht led us in the Stations of the Cross through the 14 stations in the Beautiful Grotto. Pastor Walter Moss gave a Scripture Reading and Christy and Peter gave a Memorial Reflection during the Remembrance.

The Stark County statistics were read and a Blessing given by Fr. Donald Feicht. The remembrance ended by the group praying the Prayer to End Abortion.

STARK COUNTY FOR LIFE CHARITY INC.

If you would like to make a Tax deductible contribution to Right to Life of Stark County, we have a 501c3 that you may donate to. Make your check out to Stark County for Life Charity Inc. and mail to PO Box 8834, Canton, OH 44711. If you wish your donation to be used in a specific way, please note this on the memo section of your check. EX: Dinner/Speaker, Fair, Newsletter Expense, Heroic Media Campaign. Memberships are not tax deductible.

Being Pro-Life Means Action On Behalf Of All Human Life



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LICENSE PLATE FRAMES

We continue selling license plate frames as a fundraiser. The frames would make wonderful birthday, anniversary, Christmas or any occasion gift. They sell for \$2.50 each and may be purchased from any board member or you may call the office number at 330-837-4227. If you purchase 25 or more frames they sell for \$2.25 each. Leave a message, and we will make arrangements to get frames to you.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

50 Years of the Curse of Roe V. Wade

"UNBORN BABIES FEEL PAIN"

2024 Calendar of Events

Stark County For Life Charity, Inc. (is our 501c3)
and is an affiliate with Right to Life of Stark County

JANUARY

- Jan. 1 Happy New Year
15 RTL Committee Meeting, Place TBD - 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 9 Deadline for Art & Essay Contest Entries
14 Spring 40 Days Begins, PP - 9-5
19 Board Meeting, Place TBD - 6:30 PM

MARCH

- March Spring 40 Days Continues
17 Saint Patrick's Day
18 RTL Committee Meeting, Saint Michael's - 6:30 PM
24 Palm Sunday
24 Closing of Spring 40 Days, Planned Parenthood