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Right To Life, Inc.

LIFE TIME

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Dubuque County Right to Life's

31st Annual LIFE Dinner

Thursday April 24th, 2025

5pm - 8:30pm

Dubuque County Fairgrounds

please note change in venue

Official invite to come by mail in February. You can RSVP by calling the office at 563-556-5960, or emailing us at dctrl@dctrl.org. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, March 31, 2025.



Keynote Speaker:
Jason Jones

About our Keynote Speaker: Personal connection to abortion

Jason Jones is a film producer, author, activist, popular podcast host, and human rights worker. He is president of the Human Rights Education Organization (H.E.R.O.), the director of The Vulnerable People Project, and a senior contributor to The Stream.

Through a series of life-changing events, Jason has been an advocate for pre-born children for many decades. He produced two pro-life films: The first in 2006, Jason was an Executive Producer of "Bella," which won several film industry awards, most notably the People's Choice Award at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival. The second pro-life film is called Divided Hearts of America and is available on DVD and streaming on Fox Nation.

He is the author of two books, The Race to Save Our Century: Five Core Principles to Promote Peace, Freedom, and a Culture Of Life, and his most recent, The World is on Fire: A Whole Life Reader.

Would you like to be a table host and invite family and friends to join you for a wonderful evening? We can send you a Table Host packet as soon as they are available. Send an email to Augustine Payne at apayne@dctrl.org, and together let's grow our movement and increase our impact in our community.

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Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, education organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia and infanticide.

February 2025

Friday, February 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to register for the Equipped for Life course
Sunday, February 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K of C "Breakfast for Baby" St. Columbkille Parish, Presentation Hall 8am-12 noon.
Monday, February 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to register for Trivia Night
Tuesday, February 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipped for Life Course begins 6-7:30pm <i>Dinner is provided</i>
Wednesday, February 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipped for Life Course begins 10-11:30am
Thursday, February 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors meeting
Saturday, February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trivia Night - St. Columbkille's Parish Hall - Doors open 5pm
Thursday, February 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Hour 7pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta

March 2025

Wednesday, March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins
Monday, March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to apply for the DCRTL High School Scholarship. In-person 4:00pm CST, or online at 11:59pm CST.
Thursday, March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Hour 7pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta
Monday, March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSVP deadline for the LIFE Dinner

WISH LIST

Kleenex

Praying Outside of the Abortion Facility

Every Thursday morning, Arthur Gilloon and a couple other members carpool down to Iowa City to pray and offer life-affirming options to the mothers entering Emma Goldman abortion facility. They leave by 5:45am and return to Dubuque by 12 noon. They have open spots in the car. If you would like to join them on any Thursday, give our office a call (563-556-5960) by Wednesday (day before) at 4pm to sign-up.



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stories are powerful game-changers. They can change people's perspective, influence policy, cause a shift in cultural beliefs, and so much more.

Many of you are aware of Abby Johnson (If not, you can borrow the well-done movie *Unplanned* from our DCRTL Library). A previous volunteer, employee, and director at a Planned Parenthood in Texas, through a series of events, drastically changed her view on abortion and now advocates for the pro-life side. She has inspired those who are pro-life to get more involved in the movement, and those working for the abortion industry to quit their jobs. Abby has been making an impact in the pro-life movement for many years.

A more recent case for the pro-abortion side is the story of Kate Cox, which we have shared in previous newsletters. Kate could not obtain a later-term abortion in Texas because her life was not at risk. Rather, she wanted an abortion because her child in the womb had a diagnosis of Trisomy 18. As mentioned in those newsletters, a family receiving a diagnosis is tough. We all want our family to be healthy. A trisomy 18 diagnosis, or any diagnosis, does not make someone's life less valuable.

Kate Cox and the mainstream media used this story to push empathy for expanded access for abortion, both in the state of Texas and across the country. Was it successful? It definitely changed some people's perspective to be more in favor of abortion.

Both Abby Johnson and Kate Cox are national stories. Though our stories are not likely to become national headlines, a cultural shift in our community can still be made by those who are everyday people sharing their stories. The pro-abortion side effectively uses this tactic. This is the best they have. They do not have truth on their side, so they resort to storytelling relying on the emotional connection.

We on the other hand have the truth on our side, which we can talk a lot about, but sometimes it is the story that connects to people's hearts that will change their minds. When talking to others, we should be of the mindset of what does this person need to hear, and not what do I want to say.

When we share a story, it can reveal to the listener that pro-lifers have a heart. We shouldn't assume that they know this. This could be their first interaction with someone who is pro-life. Or it might not be their first interaction, but the others might have been negative experiences.

Below are some questions that came to mind when thinking about our story as it relates to the pro-life cause.

What is your pro-life journey, and why are you passionate about the cause? What about the cause inspires you to act and why? Were you always pro-life? If so, why? Was there something or life event(s) that reinforced that belief? If you were not always pro-life, was there something that went contrary to your belief and changed your mind? What was that journey like since the initial change of mind or heart?

We have many people within our organization, and others within our community, who have done things for others as it relates to the pro-life cause. If you are one of those people and this is part of your story, it is good to share it. In this context we are not sharing our story to bring us glory; rather, we share our story to soften the hearts of others and perhaps at the same time inspire thoughts within them that they are capable of doing great things.

The difficulty for our mission is that the primary victim of an abortion (though there are many victims with each abortion) is rendered lifeless and voiceless. The pre-born and their vulnerable families are relying on us to be their voice. Not only in sharing the truth about their inherent dignity, but also to change hearts and minds through sharing our story.

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Would you consider sharing your pro-life story with us? It doesn't matter if you declare it as an "unexciting" story, or you have been pro-life your whole life just based on the facts; every story matters. We would like to publish pro-life stories of everyday pro-lifers in our newsletter about four times a year. You never know what part of your story will resonate with others. From my own perspective, my wife Molly and I have experienced the ripple effect of people in this community sharing their stories and causing us to want to do more...to believe we can do more because the Lord, through others, has shown us it is possible.

You can share your pro-life story with us via email by emailing me at apayne@dctrl.org, or calling me at 563-556-5960.

I encourage you to advocate for the pre-born through sharing your story! Let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Augustine

P.S. This year's LIFE Dinner Keynote speaker is Jason Jones! I remember Jason speaking about 10 years ago in the Washington D.C. area because it was his story that stuck with me. Would you consider being a table host this year and filling a table of 10 with family and friends? By inviting other people to join us and learn more about what we are doing, you are helping us increase our impact on the community.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



In Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Edward McDermott.....Patrick McDermott
St. Therese.....Don & Carla Averkamp
The Ironworker Local 89 Cedar Rapids, IA.....Donald & Lucille Usher

In Memory of:

Jim Heavens (*1 year anniversary of his death*).....Roger & Lynn Gibbs
Rose Ann Burkle.....Charles & Ann Recker
Patricia Conlon.....Jim & Kathy Conlon
The Conlon & Konrardy families.....Mary Konrardy
Scott Conrad.....Rev. Dennis & Carol Schmitt
Eileen M Hagemann.....Charles & Ann Recker
Vicki Henry.....Jim & Kathy Conlon
Baby Joelle Hepler.....Joyce Honkamp
Don Noel.....Lois Noel
Audrey Nuti.....Dick & Marilyn Vogt
Don "Spike" Olberding.....Roger & Lynn Gibbs
Ruth Orr.....Mike & Kathy Brown
Doug Tauke.....Don & Diane Overman
Lee Tucker.....John & Sue Lukasik
John Vonderhaar.....Tom & Ruth Lucas, John & Sue Lukasik
Francis A. Wessels.....Charles & Ann Recker

When a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque, displayed in our office. Simply send us, along with your gift, the name of the person you are honoring and the name and address of the family to whom you'd like the acknowledgement sent. We'll be happy to send a card.



PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear Friends for Life –

National News

President Donald J. Trump has pardoned 23 pro-life activists who were unjustly sentenced to years in prison for participating in peaceful sit-in protests at abortion killing center. The pro-life defendants were all charged under the so-called Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. They include an 89-year-old wheelchair-bound Soviet concentration camp survivor, a U.S. Army Iraqi Freedom veteran, and a 33-year-old young mother who started a pro-life ministry to help pregnant women. All had been sentenced to years in prison. You can see the full story of their unjust prosecution and journey to freedom at: Lifenews.com.

In other national news, Iowa Republican Senator Joni Ernst has introduced a law to prohibit federal funding of Planned Parenthood. The proposed law states: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds may be made available to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, or to any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, or clinics.”

We will keep you informed as to the progress of this bill.

Federal Court News

The U.S. Supreme Court has dismissed a lawsuit by pro-life doctors against the FDA and HHS, but three pro-life states are picking up the banner. Recall that our DCRTL December newsletter (P. 8) updated you on the federal court case pending in the Northern District of Texas wherein Missouri, Kansas, and Idaho seek to challenge the weakening of FDA safety rules for abortion pills. These three states amended their lawsuit against defendants Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Danco Laboratories (the maker of the baby-killing drugs), asking a federal judge in Texas to allow them to participate in the pro-life doctors’ lawsuit, even though they represent states other than Texas, where the lawsuit was pending. These three pro-life states are what is known in the law as “intervenor,” that is, parties who seek to join an already pending lawsuit. The lawsuit they were seeking to join was originally filed by pro-life doctors from the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine and similar physician groups against the FDA, HHS, and Danco. This lawsuit was thrown out by the United States Supreme Court as indicated above. The Supreme Court said that these physician groups had no “standing” to file the lawsuit because they did not have any actual patients who had been harmed by the abortion pills. In contrast, Missouri, Idaho, and Kansas can assert that they represent patients and people... the citizens of their respective states. These three states now want to carry on the pro-life doctors’ Texas federal case and show that the FDA, HHS, and companies like Danco are disregarding state laws that prohibit abortion companies from mailing abortion pills to pregnant women in Missouri, Kansas, and Idaho without complying with pro-life state laws. These laws generally require an in-person examination, follow-up, and other protections designed to prevent women from suffering injury or death from these abortion pills. The lawsuit also rightfully asserts the FDA inappropriately loosened abortion pill restrictions in spite of the FDA’s own safety studies showing the pills were dangerous and harmful to women. Countless women around the country have been victims of abortion pills mailed from one state to another, suffering infection, hemorrhaging, and even death. (For proof, see page 5 of our DCRTL October Newsletter regarding the case of Amber Thurman, who died from so-called safe, legal abortion pills.) On January 16, 2025, the Texas federal judge overseeing the case, Matthew Kacsmayk, granted the three pro-life states leave to amend their lawsuit to assert a relevant connection to Texas so they can carry on the pro-life doctors’ lawsuit. That is good news, but it’s just step one because the pro-abortion defendants (FDA, HHS, Danco) are going to move to dismiss the lawsuit based not on “standing,” but on “venue,” that is, location.

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Pro-Life Court & Legislative Update

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The pro-abortion attorneys for the FDA, HHS, and the baby-killing company Danco are going to argue that although the three pro-life states may have “standing, “to sue, they still have no real connection to Texas and cannot sue in the “venue” of Texas federal court. The pro-life attorneys will certainly argue that they have an interest in protecting their own sovereignty and the citizens of their three states, and that filing such a lawsuit in the venue of the federal court in Texas is appropriate. They ask the federal judge to issue a permanent injunction against the FDA, HHS, and Danco so that abortion pills will be more tightly regulated everywhere so women will not be harmed or killed by abortion pills mailed to them from other states by doctors they never see in person, and who have no medical privileges. In some cases, the pills are mailed by people who are not doctors at all! This Texas federal lawsuit is additionally important because it appears to be the only remaining federal court case challenging the FDA, HHS, and Danco’s widespread unregulated dissemination of abortion pills all over America.

News from other states

Virginia legislators have taken the first step to add a pro-abortion constitutional amendment to their state constitution. It is the first step in a two-year process similar to Iowa’s that requires the amendment to pass the legislature twice before it’s put to a voter referendum. On Jan 15, 2025, the House and Senate passed different versions of the same pro-abortion amendment, which would put a right to “abortion on demand” in the Virginia State Constitution. Current Virginia law allows for abortion up to the moment of birth, as long as three physicians agree the pregnancy will lead to the woman’s death, or “substantially harm her health.” “Health” is a codeword for abortion on demand. The amendments would:

- Allow an abortion at any point up to birth for any reason
- Allow anyone to perform abortions—no medical qualifications are required
- Permit abortions anywhere—including unsafe, unregulated facilities
- Eliminate all parental oversight or consent, leaving minors unprotected

Every Democrat in the Virginia Legislature voted in favor of this baby-killing amendment. What is happening in Virginia is a warning sign to every state that has a Democrat majority in their legislature. Democrat platforms universally support abortion on demand. Virginia currently has 20 abortion clinics but it appears they want more. Please support the efforts of groups like The Family Foundation in their efforts to educate Virginians on this terrible amendment.

The Massachusetts state legislature has passed a law that allows a woman to get pregnant by artificial insemination and then procure a “buyer” for her baby, who then becomes the baby’s parent. Massachusetts H.4672, allows for commercial surrogacy both in cases where the woman carrying the child is genetically unrelated to the child and in cases where she is exchanging her biological child for money. It promotes baby selling and is a terrible assault on basic human rights of pre-born children.

Iowa News

Now, some good news. Several of our area Iowa pro-life representatives have offered a “Baby Olivia” type bill in the Iowa State Legislature. This is a pro-life bill that would require students to view a scientifically accurate video as part of their science and human development classes, showing the beauty of human life from conception onward. It requires the following:

“Instruction regarding human biology related to pregnancy and human development inside the womb.....such curriculum include a video, at least three minutes in duration, showing the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development, and a rendering or animation showing the process of fertilization and every stage of human development inside the uterus, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development for every significant marker of pregnancy until birth.”



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Equipped for Life Course

It can be hard to understand the reasoning behind pro-choice views. And if it is hard to understand a person's view, it can be even more frustrating having a conversation with them. The Equipped for Life Course provides a fresh engaging approach to the dialogue about abortion. Equal Rights Institute developed this method from thousands of conversations with pro-choice people. Using this method, many people shift their perspective on abortion while others have a complete mind change.

- **Tuesdays - 6pm - 7:30pm February 11 - March 18 (Dinner will be provided)**
- **Wednesdays - 10am - 11:30am - February 12 - March 26th**

Please register by Friday, February 7, by calling our office at 563-556-5960, or emailing Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org. If you do not see a time that works for you, but you are interested in taking this course, please reach out.

We have found that it is best to have a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 12 people per course.

What others have said after taking this course:

"In spite of the fact that the truth – the science – is on our side, they continue to argue the women need abortion for various reasons (poverty, health, equal rights, etc.). This course teaches how to help them explore their own thought process and steer them into realizing the truths of the matter (abortion is murder, abortion hurts women, abortion doesn't fix the problems etc.)." Anonymous Attendee

"I have always been pro-life, but I was never able to clearly articulate why or defend it, especially without getting emotionally charged. I used to be afraid that I would come off as judgmental and do more harm than good if I tried to promote the pro-life cause. Now that I have taken the Equipped for Life course, I feel well-equipped with many logical reasons as to why abortion should not be legal." Anonymous Attendee



Available to: Graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college.

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 is available to be awarded between the applicants, at the discretion of the judging committee.

Expectations: Students must submit a written copy of an original speech (5-10 minutes in length) on the topic "Promoting Alternatives to Abortion: How to Reach New Generations."

Students must submit evidence of service hours logged in the cause of protecting human life. Students must submit one (1) recommendation letter describing individual commitment to some aspect of the DCRTL mission.

Please go to www.dcrtl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 17, 2025, at 11:59pm CST. Finalists will be chosen by the quality of their written speech, as well as logged service hours, and the recommendation letter. Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 19, 2025.

High School Senior Scholarship Contest

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Area Republican state representatives Shannon Lundgren, Steve Bradley, and Jennifer Smith are supportive and/or cosponsoring a version of this bill in the Iowa Legislature. Please email or call them to report your support of this pro-life and much needed educational effort.

That's all for now....stay informed and educated on the life issues. DCRTL will help you do just that.

Arthur F. Gilloon

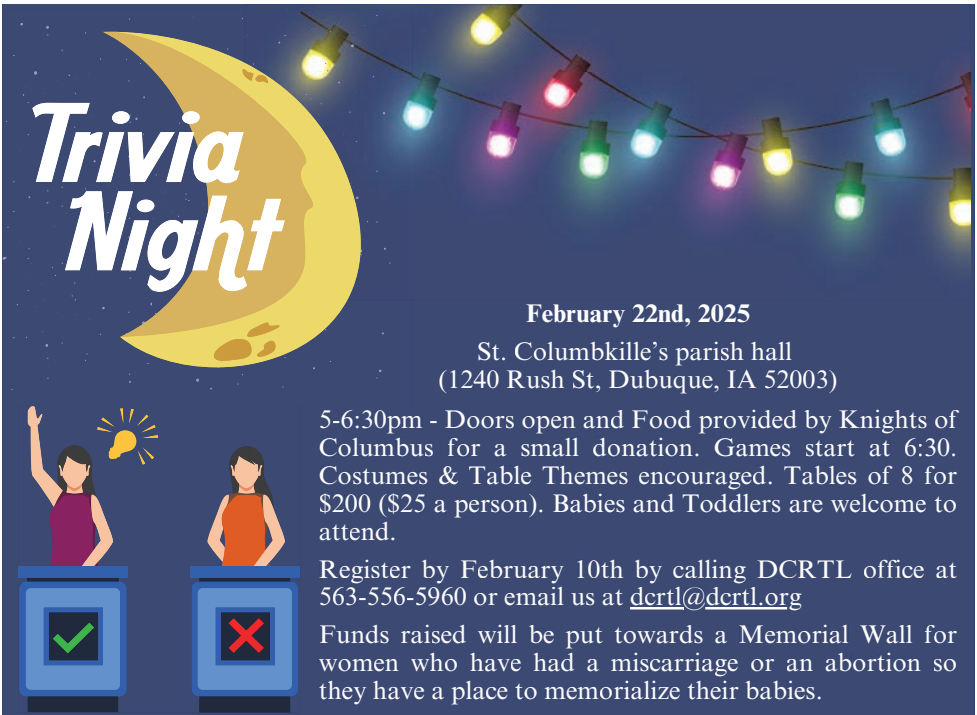
Now Hiring - Outreach Coordinator

We are seeking a candidate who passionately wants to make abortion unthinkable, support pregnant mothers, and advocate for the right to life for the disabled and elderly.

We need an Outreach Coordinator who is ready to make a difference. Some of the responsibilities include coordinating large and small events, running social media pages, coordinating and participating in community outreaches, designing marketing materials, being part of a team to create a monthly newsletter to over 2,000 people, connecting with our donors and other key people in the community, and much more. No two days are the same.

As one of the main people that our members and the general public will interact with, we are in search of someone who has strong interpersonal skills, while also working in a role that is results driven. The applicant must also have technology skills. As a small team, we also do the little things such as cleaning the office and keeping it organized. If you, or you know someone who desires to build a culture of Life in the Tri-state area, we would love for you to apply.

You can apply by sending your resume and letter of introduction to Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org. If you have any questions, you can email or call us at 563-556-5960.



Trivia Night

February 22nd, 2025

St. Columbkille's parish hall
(1240 Rush St, Dubuque, IA 52003)

5-6:30pm - Doors open and Food provided by Knights of Columbus for a small donation. Games start at 6:30. Costumes & Table Themes encouraged. Tables of 8 for \$200 (\$25 a person). Babies and Toddlers are welcome to attend.

Register by February 10th by calling DCRTL office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org

Funds raised will be put towards a Memorial Wall for women who have had a miscarriage or an abortion so they have a place to memorialize their babies.



Introducing our Spring Intern: Molly Strohmeier

My name is Molly Strohmeier, and I am in my senior year at Loras College. I am double majoring in Psychology and Spanish. I have been a part of the Loras Swim and Dive team since my freshman year. Through being a swimmer, I have been able to teach children swim lessons on campus. I have also spent many summers helping lead VBS at my church. I am a member of the orchestra at Clarke College where I play the violin. This year I have taken the role as one of the executive chair members for the Duhawks for Life club at Loras. This position allows me to coordinate events and manage social media, spread more awareness of the pro-life movement, and to make our campus a more inclusive space for pregnant and

parenting students. As a new intern at DCRTL, I want to continue my passion for protecting the preborn and being more active in my community. As I have been living in Dubuque for my whole life, I want to work to make a difference in the place I call home.

Why I'm Pro-Life and what I look forward to in my Internship

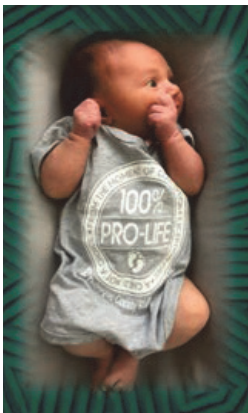
I have always been pro-life, and I think this largely has to do with my faith. Being raised in a Christian family, I was taught that life is precious and has worth from the very beginning. One of my favorite verses states, "For it was you who created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...I will praise you for I have been fearfully and wonderfully made...Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began" (Psalms 139: 13-16). In the Spring of 2024, I attended my first March for Life with DCRTL and my desire to continue work in this field began. Through my work at DCRTL, I want to reach out to those who are uneducated about abortion and raise awareness about the pro-life movement, have more open conversations on these topics with others, and continue fighting for the preborn, because every human has innate value and the right to life.



...to Sue Lansing & Laura Dolehide
for helping in the office!

...to our members who travel down to Iowa City on
Thursdays to pray outside the Emma Goldman
Abortion Center!

Pro-Life Onesies



Honor a new mom you know and celebrate life in a special way. Donate \$25 or more and we'll send a custom designed DCRTL onesie (size 12 months) to the new mom on your behalf with a congratulatory card. Just mail DCRTL a donation with a note that includes the new mom's name & mailing address. If you would like to personally deliver it, stop by the office with your donation and to pick one up.



**St. Columbille
Knights of Columbus
hosting
“Breakfast For Baby”
Fundraiser**



**Sunday, February 9th
8:00am - 12:00 noon**

St. Columbille Presentation Hall
(There is a direct entrance to the hall - take the sidewalk on the left side of the church to access the hall).

Free-will offering.
All proceeds will go to support the Iowa State Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

The breakfast will include: Scrambled Eggs, KC French Toast and all the fixings (ham, sausage, fresh fruit, breakfast breads, donuts, juice, and coffee). We hope you will join us in helping SAVE THE BABIES.

Note: You do not have to be a member of St. Columbille's or be Catholic to attend. This is open to all pro-lifers wanting to support this initiative.



March 5th begins the 40 Days for Life Spring campaign, which has over 700 campaigns happening around the world. We don't have a campaign in Dubuque, but there are four happening within a two hour driving distance of Dubuque where you can be a public witness for Life. They are happening in Cedar Rapids, IA, Iowa City, IA, Madison, WI, and Rockford, IL. If you are able to take an hour, you can sign up at the 40 Days for Life website, www.40daysforlife.com/en/. If you are experiencing issues signing up or would just like some direct guidance, call our office; we would love to help.

For those who can't make it to those locations, we can still join the 40 Days for Life from our homes by praying and fasting for an end to abortion. You can do what you discern God is calling you to do from wherever you are.



Drink Coffee, Save Lives

Dubuque County Right To Life has become partners with 7 Weeks Coffee, if you are already a coffee drinker, please consider switching your brand to Seven Weeks Coffee. 15% of all purchases will be donated to Dubuque County Right To Life. Thank you 7 Weeks Coffee! Use the following link www.sevenweeksoffee.com/?ref=Dubuque-County-Right-To-Life, or scan the QR Code on the right to be taken to our personal link.



Thank You!!

Through the generosity of YOU, our donors, an Ambassador for Life alumni, Teresa Braun, received sponsorship from DCRTL to travel and attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. Teresa wrote back sharing the impact of attending this year's March for Life! We share it with you to express our gratitude for the impact you continue to have in forming Young Pro-Life Leaders!!

A letter from Teresa Braun:

It was such a blessing to be able to attend the March for Life this year. I have been once before, as an 8th grader with my middle school, but that was more than five years ago so it was nice to go again as a freshman with my college. To me, it almost felt like a renewal of my commitment to the pro-life movement. It was also different because I've grown in age and maturity, so the issue of abortion is almost more relatable to where I am in my stage of life now. It directly applies to me and girls of my age and state in life. I know more about the movement and what it stands for, and have grown more in my own philosophy of life, so it felt more influential to march in support of life. I wholeheartedly love the gift of life, so, to me, marching was not only a declaration that abortion is wrong, but a personal affirmation of how precious my life and life in general is. Additionally, this March for Life experience was much different from my experience in 2020, because this time I went with Benedictine. It was beautiful to march with Benedictine because we brought so many students, about 100, and it felt like I was part of something bigger than myself (besides the March itself). I loved marching with this school that I love, and it was beautiful to do it along with my peers.

One of the speakers said that we should be joyful in marching for life and being a voice for the voiceless, and that is truly the emotion I feel in having gone. I am filled with joy that I received this opportunity. This joy and appreciation of life are characteristics that will help me be a greater teacher. Every teacher should be joy-filled, because students see that and start to feel it themselves if they admire someone who exhibits that. Additionally, it allowed me to take courage in standing up for something I believe in, and teaching also takes courage to be able to persevere everyday in teaching students academics and morals. Overall, this was a very valuable experience that I am so blessed I was able to receive.



Ambassadors for Life

The Ambassadors for Life is for high school students to get involved in making abortion unthinkable. If you are a high school student who wants to make a difference in our community by saving lives, or want to learn more about joining this fantastic group of young people, contact Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org or 563-556-5960.

Ambassadors for Life meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:15pm to 7:45pm, with dinner provided.

The Ambassadors for Life three pillars are Activism, Formation, and Fun. By participating in the Ambassadors for Life, you will not only be helping build a culture that respects LIFE, but with the life experiences, you will also have things you can talk about in future job, college, and scholarship applications.



Mimes for Life

We are looking to get a Mime for Life Troupe active in Dubuque once again.

Mime for Life is a group who prays and does an Abortion presentation through songs, mimes and prayers. The Mime for Life's goal is to see hearts and lives changed through this ministry.

The Mime for Life was established in 1990 and became a part of the DCRTL Speaker's Bureau. Since then, several Mime for Life troupes developed and have performed in front of government leaders, priests, bishops and many places in Iowa.

If you are interested in learning more or joining the Mime for Life group, please email us at dcrtlevents@gmail.com or call our office at 563-556-5960

Memorial for the Unborn

The Memorial for the Unborn is dedicated to the children who have been lost through miscarriage and abortion, and those who grieve their loss. The memorial was erected to honor their lives and to show that they are not forgotten. They too have a purpose and were made in the image and likeness of God.

To have a child remembered on this memorial stone, we request a \$125 donation which you can donate online or mail us a check payable to DCRTL.

Baby's Name: _____

Date of Loss: _____

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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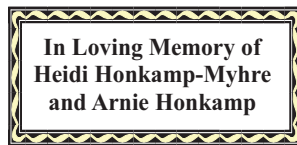
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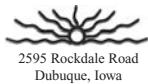
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