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Save the Date!



DR. WILLIAM LILE, D.O., FACOG

Friday,
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2023

Join us for DCRTL's
29th Annual
Life Dinner!



Introducing our Life Dinner Speaker

Dr. William Lile, "The ProLifeDoc", is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is licensed to practice medicine in both Florida and Alabama. He has been an instructor for both the University of Florida and Florida State University, OB/GYN residency programs. He is the former chairman of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. And has an active practice in Pensacola.

In 1999, Dr. Lile took over the practice of a physician that had been the largest provider of abortion services in the Florida panhandle for decades. The contract stipulated that the former abortionist could not practice any medicine in the Tri-county area for 24 months. The abortionist retired and moved back to Sweden. All abortions and referrals for abortions were immediately stopped by Dr. Lile.

In that same year, Dr. Lile founded ProLifeDoc.org. After touring the surgical suite in the abortionist's office for the first time, and seeing the abortion equipment ready for the next procedure, Dr. Lile was called to dedicate his life to stopping abortion. He now tours the United States using the tools of modern Obstetrics to show the life within the womb. Ultrasound and fetoscopy videos are used to show the personhood of the unborn. Surgical interventions and even blood transfusions are available to babies while still in the womb. The unborn are treated as patients. Dr. Lile has produced videos which are available on www.ProLifeDoc.org.

Book your calendar today! An invitation to come by mail. Dr. Lile will also be presenting on Abortion Pill Reversal to medical professionals in our area prior to the dinner. If you are a medical professional and would like to learn more or sign-up to attend, please reach out to our office.

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February 2023

Wednesday, February 1st	Trivia Night Registration deadline
Friday, February 3rd	Equipped for Life Registration deadline
Monday February 6th	Iowa Prayer Rally for Life Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines
Tuesday, February 7th	Equipped for Life - Track 1 begins (online)
Thursday, February 9th	Equipped for Life - Track 2 begins (DCRTL Office)
Saturday, February 11th	DCRTL Trivia Night - doors open 5pm St. Columbkille's, Dubuque
Sunday, February 12th	Save the Baby Breakfast Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, February 19th	Equipped for Life - Track 3 begins DCRTL Office
Thursday, February 23rd 7:00-8:00pm	Holy Hour for Respect Life St. John the Baptist, Peosta

March 2023

Wednesday, March 1st 7:00pm	Unplanned Movie Phoenix Theater (RSVP in Advance)
Friday, March 3rd 11:59pm CST	Deadline for High School Scholarship
Thursday, March 16th 8:00-10:00am	Forty Days for Life Emma Goldman abortion clinic
Thursday, March 16th	Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, March 23rd 7:00-8:00pm	Holy Hour for Respect Life St. John the Baptist, Peosta



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hello Pro-life friends,

I hope your new year is off to a great start!! Did you know that Wahlert High School started offering J-Term classes this past January? A J-Term class is full immersion into a particular topic for a designated period of time between semesters. One of the subjects being offered was Abortion in the United States. They had 16 students sign up for this course. The course was 2 weeks long and 6-7 hours per day - all on topics related to

the abortion issue. I had the privilege to talk to the students for multiple class periods on the topics such as, the dignity of every human life and intent of our original creation prior to the fall, a joint talk with my wife, Molly, on sexual ethics, and joint presentations with Heather Cunard from Clarity Clinic on pro-life apologetics. Outside of my presentations, the students also received presentations from Art Gilloon on the law side of abortion, personal testimonies on the effects of abortion by Teresa Shepard and Kathy Slinger, other talks from Heather Cunard, and a talk by Becky Seymour from Birthright. It was great to see multiple pro-life organizations coming together with a local high school to do deep dive into the topic.

Another part of the class was field trips to see these organizations in-person. The students came to our office for doughnuts and apologetics (great combo), and visited Clarity Clinic and Mary's Inn. It is awesome that they not only know there are resources out there, but they have now seen it with their own eyes.

These students were bold to take this class as it was a heavy topic to be learning about for over six hours a day for two weeks. The final project of the class was to do something real world for the pro-life movement. From what I have encountered, they did awesome work.

Two students, Drew Kirby and Nick Klapatauskas, created content for our website on the topics of birth control and the rights of a pregnant student under Title IX, Lucy Ward and Erin King did a few podcast episodes, which we will share on our social media and website, and Faith Gockel and Cailyn Ernst had a well written bulletin insert that was published in St. Columbkille's bulletin on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. These, and I'm sure all the other students, did excellent work. It is always refreshing to see young leaders advocating for the preborn children and their mothers.

Below are a few pictures we took of their visit to DCRTL and Art's presentation at Wahlert. It was quite the privilege to get to know these students over the course of 2 weeks. Many thanks to Ruth Carlson, Fr. Andy Upah, and Wahlert High School, for conducting the class on this very important topic, and for inviting us to be part of the conversation.

On the topic of apologetics, if you haven't signed up for the Equipped for Life seminar, it's not too late to sign up. This will be helpful for having conversations on the topic of LIFE with people of different political beliefs and religious backgrounds. More information on that can be found on page 8.

If I don't see you at the Equipped for Life Seminar and/or Trivia Night, I hope you have a great February.

For Life,

Augustine Payne



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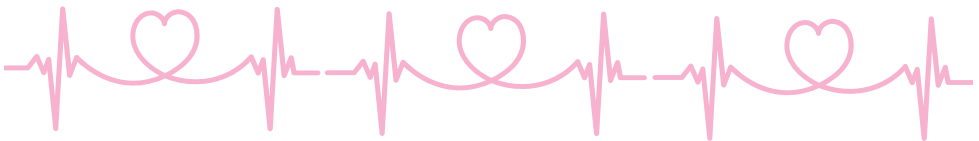
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40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

This 40 Days for Life, we will be going to Emma Goldman Clinic for a two hour shift. Please join us! You do not have to do sidewalk counseling unless you feel called to do it. Showing up and praying is all that is necessary.

We will meet at the office and carpool to Iowa City unless you would like to meet us at the location.

Thursday, March 16th, 8am-10am
Emma Goldman Abortion Clinic 227 N. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA
****Meet at the DCRTL office at 6:15am if carpooling****

Note: Thursday is the day Emma Goldman does abortions.

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE



By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member

Dear Pro-life Friends,

Here is some Legislative news first and then some Iowa and National Court news.

In Iowa, the Legislature has just started its 2023 session in Des Moines. High on the list of objectives for the Republican controlled Legislature and Governor's office is to secure more funding for the MOMS (More Options for Maternal Support) program. This program, modeled after a similar one in Texas, commenced with legislation in 2022 that authorized \$500,000.00 seed money. A similar program in Texas was funded with \$110,000,000.00 as part of Texas' Heartbeat law. (I guess everything is bigger in Texas.) The Iowa MOMS program provides tremendous real life help to women in experiencing unintended pregnancies such as:

Nutritional services and education; housing, education, and employment assistance during pregnancy and up to one year following birth; adoption education, planning, and services; child care assistance if necessary for a pregnant woman to receive pregnancy support services; parenting education for both moms and dads and support services for up to one year following a child's birth; material items which are supportive of pregnancy and childbirth including cribs, car seats, clothing, diapers, formula or other safety devices; information regarding healthcare benefits, including but not limited to available Medicaid coverage for pregnancy care and healthcare coverage for a child following birth; a call center for information or to schedule appointments, medical information and referrals for medical care, including but not limited to pregnancy tests, sexually transmitted infection tests, or other health screenings, ultrasound services, prenatal care and birth classes and planning; counseling, mentoring, educational information, and classes relating to pregnancy, parenting, adoption, life skills and employment readiness.

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds is asking the legislature to allocate an additional \$1,500,000.00 to the MOMS programs, some of which would go to DBQ area organizations like Clarity Clinic, Birthright, and Mary's Inn to continue their pro-life work. A noble cause, indeed.

In national legislative news, the new U.S. House of Representatives, narrowly controlled by the Republicans, wasted no time in passing two January 2023 pro-life measures. The "Born-alive Abortions Survivors Protection Act" passed first on a 220-210 vote. This bill requires that any infant who survives an abortion must receive appropriate life-saving medical care. The second resolution was one that condemned violence against "Pro-life facilities, groups and even churches," and passed 222-209. It is interesting how 209 Congresspersons could vote against a resolution condemning the violence experienced by Pro-Life pregnancy centers after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. Unfortunately, these bills will not have an easy time obtaining the necessary Senate approval to become law.

Elsewhere, in our neighboring states to the north and east, pro-abortion legislators in Minnesota and Illinois are determined to keep those states as havens for baby-killing abortion clinics. On January 5, 2023, the Minnesota House Finance and Policy Committee approved the so-called Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act, a bill that would enshrine in Minnesota law the right to abort any baby at any time, even up until birth. This law, if passed, would require abortion be allowed on demand even late in pregnancy, when pre-born people can feel excruciating pain and when the risks of abortion to women increase. The bill also would deny parents the right to know when their minor daughter is going to be subjected to an abortion.

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Legislative Update Continued...

The bill would have to be passed by the full Minnesota house and Senate to become law, but it is a bad sign of pro-abortion legislative strength in Minnesota. Fortunately, there are many pro-life legislators in Minnesota who continue to work against this bill in the hope of stopping it before it can become law.

Our neighbor to the east, Illinois, continues to allow abortion on demand, and its pro-abortion legislature and governor recently passed a law protecting abortionists who perform abortions that are legal in Illinois from having their licenses revoked if they perform abortions in other states where abortion is not legal. So, a doctor who violates Iowa laws that protect babies and women can then travel to Illinois, where he/she will be protected by law from losing their Illinois medical license for illegally having killed babies in Iowa. Like New York and California, Illinois is becoming an abortion haven where women can be harmed by abortion and their babies slaughtered.

In court news, Iowa's Protective Heartbeat Law is still on appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court, and a decision is not expected anytime soon. Similarly, other states are considering whether their State Constitutions contain a right to abortion. In Idaho, the Supreme Court upheld Idaho's Fetal Heartbeat Pre-Born Child Protection Act of 2021, which protects babies from abortion after their heartbeat can be detected. This is a tremendous pro-life victory in Idaho! Unfortunately, the South Carolina Supreme Court reached the opposite conclusion regarding South Carolina's State Constitution. On January 5, 2023, the South Carolina Supreme Court struck down a similar 6-week protective abortion law, so that any South Carolina baby with a heartbeat can now be legally killed. Fortunately, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster and Pro-Life Attorney General Alan Wilson have vowed to continue working to pass and defend protective pro-life Legislation that will stop babies from being killed and women from being harmed by abortion in South Carolina.

On the federal administrative side of the abortion issue, the FDA (Food & Drug Administration), armed with a Biden Department of Justice pro-abortion Memorandum of December 23, 2022, has announced it will allow retail pharmacies to offer at-home abortion pills in the United States. Thus, with a prescription, abortion pills will be dispensed over-the-counter down the street at your local pharmacy rather than under the supervision of a doctor. The pro-abortion Food & Drug Administration also allows abortion pills to be sent by mail. These drug induced so-called "medication abortions" work by having women take the pills and then abort their babies in a toilet at home or in a hotel room. The medically documented dangers to a woman from such an "at home" abortion include incomplete abortion, infection, fever, uncontrolled bleeding, digestive system discomfort, and an incomplete expelling of the dead baby if the procedure doesn't work, after which the remains of the baby will have to be scraped out.

Lastly, it is clear from reviewing court and legislative battles all over the country, America is divided on the issue of abortion like it was on the issue of slavery in the 19th Century. Back then, some states were "free" states and some were "slave" states. The abortionists and their legislative and judicial pro-abortion supporters are like the slave states: they contend that reborn people are not human, just like their forerunners contended slaves were not human. It was a ridiculous argument on behalf of slavery, and it is a ridiculous argument now on behalf of abortion.

We must keep working to educate the public on the fact that pro-life alternatives to unintended pregnancies do exist, and that the solution is not to kill the baby and harm the mom.



Thank you!

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- to Brennan and Maria Pivnicka, and an anonymous angel, for cleaning supplies for the office.

TRIVIA NIGHT

A Fun night of costumes and knowledge.

DCRTL Trivia Night

Saturday Feb 11th

St. Columkille's Parish Hall
(1240 Rush St., Dubuque)

A table cost \$200 (\$25/person)

**space is limited to 20 tables -
only 9 tables remaining**

5:00pm - doors open

6:30pm - games begin

(games hosted by Deacon Dave Roth)

*Food will be provided by the
Knights of Columbus for a small donation.*

Costumes & Table Themes encouraged.

Babies & toddlers welcome.

Register by February 1st

by calling the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960

or email us at dctrl@dctrl.org



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

High School Senior Scholarship Contest



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 *"Life in a Post-Roe America: Meeting Challenges, Finding Opportunities"*.

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.dctrl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 3, 2023, at 11:59pm. Finalists will be chosen by the quality of their written speech, as well as logged service hours and recommendation letter. Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Fall Educational Campaign Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all those who have generously donated towards our educational efforts to counter the liberal media!! We have received \$27,870 toward our Fall Educational Campaign!

Will YOU be "Equipped for LIFE" in 2023?



The Equipped for Life Course is a 10 module program which provides a fresh approach to the dialogue about abortion. This method developed from many many conversations with pro-choice people. We want to introduce this approach to our members. This course will be helpful in our discussions with those who are pro-choice, and those who are not aware of the pro-life position.

Offering
3 tracks

Track 1 - Online:

Tuesdays - February 7 - March 28, 2023 - 7pm

Track 2: - In person (DCRTL Office):

Thursdays - February 9 - March 30, 2023 - 2pm

Track 3: In person (DCRTL Office):

Sundays - February 19 - April 2nd - 3pm

Each meeting will include learning the topic of the day, time for discussion, and practicing with fellow pro-lifers. If you can't attend a certain day during the course, you can join another track for that week so you can still keep up with your track.

It is not enough to know you are right, to quote Morton Blackwell, "you owe it to your philosophy to learn how to win."

The topics covered in each module are:

Habits of Highly ineffective Pro-Lifers

Practical Dialogue Tips

Trot Out a Toddler

The Biological Case for the Unborn

The Philosophical Case for the Unborn

The Question of Rape

Bodily Rights Arguments

The Greater Good

Talking to Abortion-Minded and Post-Abortive People

An Advanced Philosophical Case for the Unborn

Please Register by February 3rd. To register, call our office at 563-556-5960 or email Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org.

For those participating online, a link will be sent out by Monday, February 6th, to the email provided. All you need is access to the internet, a computer with a microphone, and a camera is preferred, but not required. We will be using Google Meet. You do not need a Google account to attend unless you are attending via mobile device, in which case you would need a google account.



Welcome Gavin Nelson!



Hi all! I am a College Senior in my last semester at the University of Dubuque studying Aviation Management. I have worked in politics over the last year and I am happy to be able to focus on what I believe is the most important issue facing Americans today. I have been an advocate for life for as long as I can remember. Having this opportunity to advocate for those most affected by these issues is a dream come true and I look forward to helping a cause I am so passionate about.

**2023 Iowa
Prayer Rally for Life
Iowa State Capitol
Monday, February 6**



Note: If you would like to carpool to this event contact our office to sign-up by Friday, February 3rd. Augustine will be traveling down to Des Moines for this event.

Join the Movement | 11AM - 2PM | Rotunda

Stop by the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders tables to find out how you can join the effort to save both babies and mothers in Iowa!

Learn to Lobby | 11AM - 12PM | Room 305

To lobby is to seek to influence a politician or public official on an issue. And your voice matters! Work with veteran lobbyists on how to effectively lobby at the State Capitol.

Prayer Rally for Life | 12PM - 1PM | Rotunda

Hear from Iowa's pro-life leaders on the latest efforts to save babies' lives, hear from and encourage legislators who are standing up to defend life, and join local clergy in powerful prayer.

Invited Prayer Rally for Life Speakers:

Governor Kim Reynolds, Senator Kevin Alons, Senator Mark Costello, Representative Luana Stoltenberg, and Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb -Lutheran Family Service Life Advocate.

Lobby Your Legislators | 1PM - 2PM

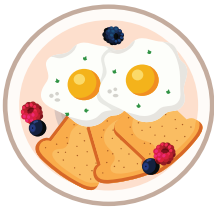
Encourage, pray for and work to influence your legislators to support pro-life legislation!



Unplanned Movie:

The Ambassadors for Life are hosting the movie Unplanned at Phoenix Theatre on Wednesday, March 1st at 7pm. This movie tells the story of the powerful conversion of Abby Johnson who was a director of a Planned Parenthood at one time and had two abortions of her own. Please join us. If you know a friend who would be interested, invite them to come along. Tickets are FREE but you need to register as it is a first come, first serve basis. Let's fill the theater and transform lives.

**Save the Baby
Breakfast**



On Sunday, February 12 from 7:30am - 12:00 noon, the St. Columbille Knights of Columbus will host a free will offering breakfast to support the Iowa K of C Ultrasound Initiative. All proceeds raised at this event will be given to the Iowa State Knights of Columbus Initiative — Save the Baby

92% of the time, when a mother considering abortion sees her baby on the ultrasound screen, she chooses life for her baby!


The breakfast will include: made to order omelets, KC French Toast and all the fixings (maple sausage, fruit, yogurt, donuts, juice, and coffee). We hope you will join us in helping SAVE THE BABIES. Blessings to all.

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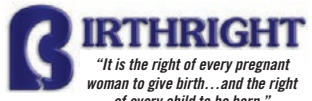
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