



RU-486 The "Medical" Abortion Pill



The number of abortions happening via the abortion pill have more than doubled in the past 10 years. The abortion pill accounted for more than 53% of all abortions in 2020 according to the Guttmacher Institute (The research arm of Planned Parenthood). Back in 2011, the abortion pill accounted for 24% of all abortions. That is more than double the number of abortions in just 10 years.

RU-486, sometimes known as “medication” abortion,” (medication is usually supposed to help heal the body, not normal function), or otherwise chemical abortion. The process begins by taking the first pill (mifepristone / RU486) with the purpose of cutting off progesterone which weakens the uterine wall and cuts off nutrients to the baby, thus causing the death of the baby.

The second pill, Misoprostal, is taken 24-48 hours later which stimulates contractions to expel the dead baby.

Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy and Rite Aid have all applied to carry the abortion pill. More on that and other topics related to the abortion pill next month.

Below are excerpts from the article titled “Nazis and Eugenics Brought Us Chemical Abortion: Here’s Proof.” By Rachel Schroder

The Background on the Pharmaceutical Company that Created the Abortion Pill

“In the early to mid-20th century, the pharmaceutical holding company I.G. Farben Chemical Company controlled much of the German chemical industry. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, the infamous Auschwitz was one of I.G. Farben’s very own chemical plants, responsible for the slavery and deaths of more than a million people in World War II.

Several of Farben’s directors were also found guilty in the U.S’s Nuernberg War Crimes Trials for slavery and mass murder. Georg von Schnitzler, a member of the managing board of directors of Farben, was even a captain in a violent division of the Nazi party that helped facilitate Hitler’s rise before WWII. I.G. Farben Chemical Company was the archetype of an industrial demon.

After the war, Western countries attempted to utterly splinter I.G. Farben industrial power, but divided the holding company into three of its own industrial members, Hoechst, Bayer, and BASF.

In 1974, the first of these three entities, Hoechst, gained a majority share of the holding company Chimio that controlled a French pharmaceutical company called Roussel Uclaf. By 1982, Roussel Uclaf had developed the RU-486 chemical abortion drug mifepristone.

Abortion Drug’s Ties to Population Council, Planned Parenthood

During the mid-1990s, Roussel Uclaf allied with the nonprofit Population Council, which led the charge for FDA approval of the abortion pill in the U.S., officially granted in 2000. During that time Hoechst acquired the remaining shares of Roussel Uclaf.

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March 2023

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
Monday, March 20th 7:00pm	Mass for Life Holy Ghost Church (2921 Central Ave., Dubuque) 6:30pm Rosary
Thursday, March 23rd 7:00-8:00pm	Holy Hour for Respect Life St. John the Baptist, Peosta

April 2023

Saturday, April 8th 9:00am	DCRTL scholarship speech contest DCRTL office
Sunday, April 9th	Happy Easter!
Saturday, April 15th 1:00pm	Surrounded by Love Conference DCRTL office
Saturday, April 15th	Easter egg hunt TBD
Thursday, April 20th	Board of Directors meeting
Friday, April 21st	DCRTL annual Life Dinner
Thursday, April 27th 7:00pm	Holy Hour for Respect Life St. John the Baptist, Peosta



Wish List

Postage Stamps
Bottles of Water



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear friends,

Next Steps: Marching into a Post-Roe America. That was the theme for the first post-Roe National March for Life held this past January!

The rally opened with Tameka Walden, an African-American woman sharing her story of being 21 and pregnant. At an ultrasound appointment, her doctor said her child would be disabled and have too many medical complications to raise. She was recommended an abortion.

Though Tameka was afraid of what would come with all the future doctor appointments and caring for her child, she couldn't bring herself to go through with the abortion. At her final ultrasound prior to giving birth, the cyst on her baby's brain had miraculously disappeared. That child's name is Ariel and she was born a healthy baby girl. Tameka's daughter, Ariel, would lead the March for Life crowd in the National Anthem. It was quite a powerful way to kickoff the rally.

The powerful testimonies would only continue from there. We had Sr. Casey (from the Sisters of Life) and her twin sister, Casey (who has down syndrome) speak to the beauty and value of every life regardless of circumstances.

Later former NFL Coach, Tony Dungy, would also speak. Referencing the story of Damar Hamlin, (Buffalo Bills player who collapsed from cardiac arrest after making a routine tackle during an NFL game), Coach Dungy said that the real miracle wasn't the medical professionals getting his heart started again, it was the country turning to prayer when a life was on the line. The broadcast announcers said "all we can do is pray", the cameras were showing players gathering together to pray when normally the cameras would look the other direction,...everyone was praying when Damar's life was on the line because people wanted to see that life live. The lesson Coach Dungy wanted to share was that lives are on the line in this battle for the right to LIFE for all, and WE HAVE TO PRAY.

I could say so much more than there is room in this newsletter, but three reminders I would like to share with you today. 1) Every single life matters regardless of our circumstances. You are an irreplaceable, unrepeatable human being. The fact that you exist is a gift. We must know this about ourselves before we can share it with others. 2) Remember the power of prayer. If you are asking yourself what can I do today and every day to build a culture of Life? Something you can do right where you are, is pray. Pray for DCRTL and the work we are doing. Pray for pregnant mothers in crisis situations. Pray for those who feel the guilt of abortion, that they may find healing. Pray for those who disagree with our position, for their conversion of heart. There are many things to pray for, we just have to start. 3) Being pro-life in the public square is most times not easy, but it is necessary if we are going to change our culture. We not only have our Life Dinner coming up, but mark your calendars for June 24th. This is the anniversary of the Dobbs v. Jackson decision, and we are coordinating with other pro-life groups to have a State March for Life at the Capitol in Des Moines.

A big special thanks to Marian Bourek for spearheading all of the many details that go into planning this great trip!! Thanks to the Telegraph Herald, John Kruse, for covering our trip to D.C., and to KCRG for the press coverage in Dyersville and D.C. And most of all, thanks to all of you for your support of DCRTL!!! Lives have been impacted by this trip! Without your support through the year, this trip, like all the programs we do, would not be possible. You can read some of the common statements from students that went on the March as well as a few photos from our trip on page nine.

Augustine Payne

P.S. March Madness is one of my favorite times of the year in the world of sports. Join us in the DCRTL bracket. It's free and you could win a movie night for the family. More on that on page six. I look forward to a great competition. Please join us!

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- John and Sue Lukasik for bringing bottled water!
- The person who generously placed two packages of bottled water outside our door over the weekend!
- Mary's Inn for the boxes of Kleenex tissues

Mass for the Unborn



**Monday, March 20th
7:00pm**

**Holy Ghost Church
2921 Central Avenue,
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Dubuque County Right to Life is sponsoring a Mass for the Unborn on Monday, March 20th at Holy Ghost Church (2921 Central Ave, Dubuque). The evening will open at 6:25pm with a Rosary with Mass to follow at 7:00pm. The main celebrant will be Rev. Steve Garner, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. Following Mass, refreshments and snacks will be available in the Holy Ghost Church basement hall. Please join us in praying for the protection of the unborn and their mothers. Everyone is welcome!

The Mass is usually held on the Feast of the Annunciation and the International Day of the Unborn Child (March 25th), but due to the day falling on a Saturday which is also the same day as the Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference, we have decided to hold it on the feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, which this year is celebrated on March 20th.

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member



Dear Pro Life Friends:

Here are some updates on the Heartbeat Law in Iowa, the MOMS Bill in Iowa, and the sale of abortion drugs over the counter nationwide at pharmacies.

As you know from past newsletters, the Heartbeat protective legislation which would prohibit abortions in Iowa after approximately six weeks gestation is on hold and pending before the Iowa Supreme Court. Pro Life briefs were filed February 20, 2023, and the pro-abortion briefs are to be filed on or before March 13, 2023. A decision date is uncertain, and will depend in part on whether the court desires to hear oral argument from the parties. Due to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Iowa Supreme Court has an open door to protect pre-born people from abortion and protect their mothers from harm by upholding the Heartbeat Law. There is no federal law or United States Supreme Court decision to prevent them from rendering a pro life decision. Even though the Iowa Supreme Court itself has already found no right to abortion in the Iowa Constitution, it is uncertain whether they will follow through and declare Iowa's Heartbeat Law constitutional. Either way, we must be prepared to continue the fight to protect all preborn Iowans and their mothers from abortion by providing real pro life alternatives.

Speaking of pro life alternatives, the MOMS (More Options for Maternal Support) Law in Iowa is still on the books but in need of major funding. The level of funding is what the Iowa Legislature is debating now. You will recall this law provides help for women experiencing unintended pregnancies and includes everything from car seats to cribs, rent to educational help, counseling, employment help, and all to be provided both before and after birth. How much funding should the MOMS bill receive? The current bill (Senate Study Bill 1139) provides for \$2 million. That would be a good start, but it's still not enough. Sadly, no money has gone to mothers yet as the MOMS program gets set up, and action is needed in this legislative session. Contact your Iowa legislators and let them know your thoughts on this very important issue. On a separate but related issue, be aware current Medicaid coverage in Iowa extends to new moms for only 2 months after the baby is born. A good pro life person position would seem to be that such coverage should be extended at least to one year after the baby is born. Let your legislator know your thoughts on that too.

Lastly, you may recall in the last newsletter we discussed that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is finalizing rules that would allow retail pharmacies to offer at-home abortion pills in the United States. This means baby-killing pills will be dispensed down the street at your local pharmacy rather than under the supervision of a doctor. A federal lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas where the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine and other plaintiffs have sued the FDA. Our newly-elected Pro Life Iowa Attorney General, Brenna Bird, has joined the Attorneys General from 21 other states in asking the Federal Court to stop the FDA, and allow each state to enforce their own laws regulating chemical abortion in the interests of life, health, and safety. There is no federal law that sets out Congress's ability to displace state law in this regard. See the specifics of how these killing abortion pills work on page one of this newsletter.

To all, keep fighting for life...of the mother and her baby. DCRTL will do its part to keep you informed and educated.



MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE - FREE TO ENTER -



Join DCRTL members for a March Madness bracket tournament. This is a contest for anyone regardless of your basketball knowledge. You could WIN a Movie for the family!

Deadline for applications is 11:15 AM, March 14th. Tournament goes from March 14th to April 3rd. The winner will receive not only bragging rights, but also a movie night for the family complete with a snack basket and the new movie "Lifemark."

To sign up and begin filling out your bracket, scan the QR code below or call our office at 563-556-5960 and we will email you a link.



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. Please call the office by Wednesday, March 15th, if you are interested in carpooling.

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.

Trivia Night Results...

Many thanks to all those who assisted in making Trivia Night a wonderful evening:

- Fr. Tom McDermott & Fr. Dave Schatz for hosting us in Presentation Hall
- Deacon Dave Roth and Karen Roth for running the Trivia Night
- St. Columbkille's Knight of Columbus and Mark Hoeger for making the food and helping with promotions
- Alice Noethe - for setting up the hall and being a judge
- Sheree Cupps, Molly Foster, and Mary Konrady for doing check-in and judging
- all who brought a team and donated

We raised over \$4,550 to go towards building the Memorial and a fun time was had by all - thank you for your generosity!



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Friday, April 21, 2023

Dubuque County Right to Life's 29th Annual

Life Dinner



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Dr. William Lile, “The ProLifeDoc”, is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is licensed to practice medicine in both Florida and Alabama and 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.

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.

Did you know that abortion pill can be reversed? Every hour counts though. We are calling on medical professionals to learn the process so a woman in crisis can receive help here in Dubuque. Dr. Bill Lile has graciously agreed to present on all you need to know about the process prior to the Life Dinner. In chatting with Dr. Lile, he said that it would also be great to not only have doctors, but also nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists. **If you are a medical professional and want to get involved in this great work, please make plans to join us. It is estimated to take about 30 minutes and we will begin at 4:30pm in Meeting Room 3. RSVP is required for this event - please call or e-mail the office to RSVP.**

We are also looking to do something special this year. There are many people who were supporters of DCRTL and the pro-life movement, who never lived to see the great day when Roe would be struck down. We want to remember them in a special way at this Life Dinner. If you know someone who you think should be on the list, please contact our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dctrl@dctrl.org.

Book your calendar today! An invitation to come by mail.



SAVE THE DATE

**STATE MARCH FOR LIFE
JUNE 24, 2023 - DES MOINES, IA**



On the 1st anniversary of the overturn of Roe v. Wade in the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court Decision, members of the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders (of which DCRTL is a member) are joining together to organize a State March for Life at the Iowa State Capitol!! It will be held on June 24th with a Rally beginning at 1pm in Des Moines. It would be great to get many buses going from the Dubuque area!! More details to come next month!

Abortion Pill (continued from page 1)...

Like Hoechst, the Population Council had deeply eugenic roots. Aided by the director of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the organization was founded by John D. Rockefeller III, son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Rockefeller Jr. sponsored German eugenic research leading up to the late-1930s that influenced later Nazi policy. Through the Rockefeller Foundation, he funded multiple institutions at which Ernst Rüdin, who spearheaded Hitler's gruesome medical research during the Holocaust, held leading roles. One such organization was the Institute for Brain Research. According to The History News Network:

Everything changed when Rockefeller money arrived in 1929. A grant of \$317,000 allowed the Institute to construct a major building and take center stage in German race biology. The Institute received additional grants from the Rockefeller Foundation during the next several years. Leading the Institute, once again, was Hitler's medical henchman Ernst Rüdin. Rüdin's organization became a prime director and recipient of the murderous experimentation and research conducted on Jews, Gypsies and others.

Following in the footsteps of the organization his father founded, in the 1950s Rockefeller III's Population Council supported the American Eugenics Society, eugenics-motivated sterilization of women, and the use of sex-selective abortion. It also tested, along with International Planned Parenthood Federation, population controlling IUD contraceptives in Pakistan, Taiwan, South Korea, and India in the '60s despite knowing their dangerous side effects on women. The council itself was led for years by openly eugenicist presidents Frederick Osborn and Frank Notestein, both of whom were members of the American Eugenics Society.

Aborting Minorities

Rockefeller III acted as chairman of President Nixon's 1969 Population and the American Future Commission just two years after receiving Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger Award. The commission staff was headed by Dr. Charles F. Westoff of the American Eugenics Society and advised by eugenicist Daniel Callahan. The final report endorsed decreasing population growth through supporting the option for women to obtain contraception and/or abortion. No wonder the Population Council was such a willing candidate to spearhead FDA approval for the Hoechst/Roussel Uclaf chemical abortion drug."

Jones, Rachel K., et al. "Medication Abortion Now Accounts for More than Half of All US Abortions." Guttmacher Institute, 30 Nov. 2022.

Schroder, Rachel. "Nazis and Eugenics Brought Us Chemical Abortion: Here's Proof." The Federalist, 26 Aug. 2022.



Prayer Rally for Life at the Capitol

Molly, Max and Augustine traveled to Des Moines to participate in the Prayer Rally for Life with other pro-life leaders. A few photos of our time at the Capitol. Many people like the Precious Feet Pin that we had available.



March for Life 2023



Some common phrases that came from our March for Life attendees were, “I saw people from all around the country who believe in this cause,” “the amount of people who were there and they were all so nice,” “there were people of all different religions and some of no religion,” “there were lots of young people there,” “the speakers were amazing,” “after attending this trip, I want to do more to get involved.” These are just a snapshot of the many that were shared on the bus. Thanks to all for going!!

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