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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.

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
- The Philosophical Case for the Unborn
- Bodily Rights Arguments
- Talking to Abortion-Minded and Post-Abortive People
- Practical Dialogue Tips
- The Question of Rape
- The Greater Good
- 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.

Below is a testimony from the Equal Rights Institute (ERI) website:

"You guys had amazing responses to difficult pro-choice arguments I was struggling with, and I love the focus on being personable. This seminar made me ten times more comfortable engaging my peers because I'm more prepared." ~John Paul

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January 2023

Sunday, January 1st	Happy New Year!
Monday, January 2nd	DCRTL Office closed
Wednesday, January 4th 6:30pm	March for Life Preparations and Details meeting. Beckman High School, Dyersville.
Tuesday, January 10th 6:30pm	March for Life Preparations & Details Meeting - DCRTL Office
Wednesday, January 18th - Sunday, January 22nd	National March for Life, Washington, DC <i>DCRTL office closed</i>

February 2023

Wednesday, February 1st	Trivia Night Registration deadline
Friday, February 3rd	Equipped for Life Registration deadline
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 St. Columbkille's, Dubuque
Sunday, February 19th	Equipped for Life - Track 3 begins DCRTL Office

We have a couple of unusual requests this month:

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- Ultrasound images of various trimesters of pregnancy or photos of a baby born prematurely are needed for our new website page featuring the earliest stages of human development and emphasizing the dignity of the human person.
- There is one vacancy on the Board and we are in need of someone to serve as our Treasurer. The volunteer position is estimated to take about 4-6 hours per month outside of participating in various events, as well as attendance at Board Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Training will be provided. If you, or someone you know is interested in serving as Treasurer, please reach out to Augustine Payne at 563-556-5960 or apayne@dctrl.org.

A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year fellow Pro-Lifers!!!!

2022 was quite the year for the pro-life movement, and I'm looking forward to continuing the momentum into 2023! As I mentioned last month, we will be offering an apologetics training called the Equipped for Life Course. It will be led by yours truly. This is a fresh approach to the dialogue about abortion based on numerous conversations with pro-choicers. This is not to discredit other

methods, but we are going to experiment with this new method as it may be helpful in our discussions with those who are pro-choice.

I personally have used what I have learned through this course in a few different conversations, and have found it to be very helpful. With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, it has brought abortion to the forefront of everyone's mind. With the many ballot initiatives that failed around the country, and more being announced, now is the time to learn how to dialogue with those who have different beliefs. I encourage you to take this training so we can be equipped with all the tools necessary when faced with conversations, whether they be in-person or on social media.

One of the unique elements of this seminar is that it will give you an opportunity to discuss the content and practice in front of a friendly audience. Each week, there will be a new topic presented, a discussion with your fellow pro-lifers, and some time for practice. Our meetings will be held to a 1 hour timeframe to accommodate for busy schedules and I'm sure the time will go by quickly.

I want as many people to receive this training as possible, so we are offering three (3) different times and two (2) different formats....both online and in-person. The cost to do this is free since we are partners with the Equal Rights Institute (ERI).

For more information on these valuable training sessions, please see the front cover. Would you please consider taking this course? I see this as critical and would love to see you take this training. If you have questions, reach out to our office.

On another note, as we wrap up another year, thank you to each and every one of you for your support of DCRTL and the pro-life cause!! I can say after just my first year, it has been a blessing and a great impact on my life being part of this great organization! You are the ones that make DCRTL great, and for that I am grateful. I pray that God may bless you and your family in 2023 and in the years to come! Cheers to a wonderful New Year!!

For Life,

Augustine Payne

A promotional banner for the Life Dinner 2023. The background is dark blue with colorful confetti and stars. On the left, there are four snow globes of varying sizes, each containing a snowman wearing different colored hats and scarves. On the right, the text is in white and yellow. The title 'Life Dinner 2023' is in yellow. Below it, the text asks 'Have you booked your calendar yet??' and provides the date 'Friday, April 21st, 2023' and the speaker 'Dr. William Lile'. At the bottom, the phrase 'Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!' is repeated in yellow.

Life Dinner 2023

Have you booked your calendar yet??

Friday, April 21st, 2023, is the date for our Annual Life Dinner. You won't want to miss it as our special speaker is the ProLife Doc, Dr. William Lile. Book your calendar today! More details and an invitation to come.

Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!

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Thank you!



Lois Noel, Jeff Eagan, and an anonymous donor, for bringing supplies on our wish list. Sanitizing wipes, bottled water, paper towels, and windex!

Laura Dolehide and Noelle Javurek for helping in the office!

Nathan Specht - assistance with creating content for our new website

Fr. Scott Boone for leading the National Night of prayer! St. Elizabeth Pastorate for hosting it! Monica Steinbrech for playing the piano! Sara Brehm for assisting in setup! Molly Brehm for leading the Chaplet of Divine Mercy! To all those who joined us in-person or from afar!

Helen Gile for running ButterBraids Fundraiser and to all those who ordered ButterBraids! \$656.50 was raised to help cover the cost of the March for Life!

Molly Payne, Jack & Laura Dolehide, and the Heim family for their assistance in setting up for our Christmas Open House! The Board Members who provided delicious food! And the many hands who helped clean up!

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member



Dear Prolife Friend,

Here is an update on Iowa and National Court News.

In Iowa, some bad news. As I reported last month, the injunction blocking the 2018 Fetal Heartbeat Law was pending in Polk County, Iowa. Governor Reynolds' prolife lawyers argued that the injunction blocking Iowa's Fetal Heartbeat Law should be dismissed because the Iowa Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court have both decided that there is no Constitutional right to abortion in Iowa or the nation. Unfortunately, Judge Celene Gogerty ruled on December 12, 2022 that the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure do not allow a permanent injunction to be dissolved or after the injunction has been on file for at least a year. She also rejected the argument that the Court had inherent authority to dissolve the injunction blocking the Heartbeat Law. Finally, she ruled even if the injunction was lifted, the Fetal Heartbeat Law would be an undue burden on Iowa women, and thus unconstitutional. Her erroneous ruling is being appealed by Governor Reynolds to the Iowa Supreme Court. Thus, the fight to give effect to the prolife voters of Iowa who support the Heartbeat Law goes on. Some good news in Iowa remains, however, as Iowa's 24-hour waiting period informed consent law is still in effect. Lastly, the Iowa Board of Medicine is making its rules to penalize doctors who violate Iowa's 24-hour informed consent waiting period law that is on the books and enforceable in Iowa. This is good news. As always, women are not prosecuted under the various prolife laws around the state and country, but the baby-killing physician can be. The Iowa Board of Medicine will have the authority to revoke the license of a physician who kills a preborn child if the doctor does not insure that the mother was provided information about how abortion can harm her and alternatives to abortion during the 24-hour waiting period.

On the National scene, there are a number of court cases that bring hope to the prolife movement:

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) representing 4 Texas doctors and 4 prolife groups, has sued the FDA claiming the FDA exceeded its authority when it approved Mifepristone to kill preborn babies in at-home medication abortions. Medication abortions using Mifepristone currently account for 54% of all legal abortions. These at-home abortion medications are dangerous, harm women, and of course, kill the baby. Women deliver a dead baby into the toilet at home or in a hotel room. The ADF is the same prolife attorney organization that steered the 15-week protective abortion law in Mississippi to the U.S. Supreme Court, leading to the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case decided June 24, 2022. Hopefully ADF will succeed again in its court battle with the FDA.

Prolife investigative journalist David Daleiden's lawsuit against the University of Washington over his public records request for documents relating to UW's buying fetal tissues and organs of aborted babies. Under the settlement, the University of Washington must provide numerous documents and records relating to agreements between the University's medical and research programs and Planned Parenthood and other abortionists who sell dead baby arms, legs, kidneys and brains for grisly research. As you know, David Daleiden has worked tirelessly at his own personal and financial risk to expose Planned Parenthood's participation in trafficking aborted baby body parts all over the county.

Legislative Update Continued...

Charges were dismissed against 4 prolife activists who were arrested after attempting to save lives at a New Jersey Planned Parenthood Clinic in 2018. Four proliferers participated in a “Red Rose Rescue” on December 22, 2018 by staging a peaceful sit-in in a New Jersey abortion mill where they quietly and peacefully gave women a red rose and literature containing alternatives to abortion. They were arrested and charged with trespass. After 4 years of legal wrangling, the prosecutor dismissed the charges after he Trial Court Judge ruled that the defendants could raise the defense of “necessity” at trial. “Necessity” in this case meant that the defendants were protecting the women coming to the clinic because they had never been given information on the grave psychological consequences of abortion. At trial, the prosecution would have had to disprove the necessity of providing this information to the women. Faced with that burden, the prosecutor dismissed the charges against all 4 prolife defendants.

The Iowa Legislature will pick up again after January 1, 2023, and we will provide more news on that front as prolife legislation is proposed and voted on.

In the meantime, keep up the good fight readers, and we will keep the educational court and legislative updates coming.

Arthur F. Gilloon

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.dcrtl.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.



2023 Calendars

We have received over 100 calendars for 2023 from a generous donor. They have a picture of a beautiful landscape and a quote for each month. Whether you need a calendar for 2023, or need an extra one, reach out to our office or stop by during normal business hours to obtain yours today.

TRIVIA NIGHT

A Fun night of costumes and knowledge.



DCRTL Trivia Night
Saturday Feb 11th
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6:30pm - games begin

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(only 13 tables remaining)



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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.



Dubuque Walk for Life

With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, DCRTL has decided to move the Dubuque Walk for Life to June to mark the Dobbs v. Jackson decision date. Thank you to all those who have braved the cold and whatever conditions January brought us in the years past. It is through your prayers, sacrifices, and witness that we are in the spot we are in today. Stay tuned for details in the coming months on the June Walk for Life.



"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life."
Ronald Reagan

Fall Education Campaign update:
We have raised \$20,590 toward our campaign goal of \$40,000

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want.
Mother Teresa

Associated Press - Changing Words

The Associated Press (AP) has decided to make a new adjustment to their “stylebook” by adding a section called the “abortion topical guide.” Scott Whitlock from Fox News reports on that with excerpts from the article below.

“The Associated Press announced this week it doesn't find terms like ‘fetal heartbeat’ and ‘late-term abortion’ to be journalistically acceptable, leaving pro-life advocates outraged at what they view as another example of institutional bias on the issue.

The news agency announced Tuesday, ‘a new entry has been added to the stylebook’ in what the company calls the ‘abortion topical guide.’ Regarding fetal heartbeat bills and six-week abortion bans, the AP told reporters to avoid the phrases, saying, ‘The terms are overly broad and misleading given the disagreement over details, such as what constitutes a heartbeat at varying gestational ages.’

The international wire service has a vast reach, noting that ‘more than half the world’s population sees AP journalism every day.’ Additionally, the AP style guide instructs journalists around the industry on phrases to use and avoid, making any of its language choices notable.

The guide continued, ‘Advanced technology can detect a flickering as early as six weeks, when the embryo isn’t yet a fetus, and it has only begun forming a rudimentary heart. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists [ACOG] says it is not accurate to call that a heartbeat. Use the term cardiac activity instead.’”

Journalists are instructed to call attention to anti-abortion efforts in states by putting them in quotation marks: ‘If quoting someone using the terms ‘fetal heartbeat bill,’ ‘heartbeat bill’ and ‘six-week abortion ban,’ enclose the terms in quotation marks and provide explanation.’

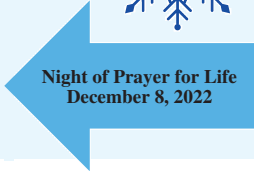
Dr. Christina Francis, CEO-Elect for the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG), told Fox News Digital the AP's reliance on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is flawed: ‘ACOG only denies the existence of the embryonic heart when it inconveniences the pro-abortion agenda.’

She stated, ‘By six weeks’ gestation, the human embryo has developed an organ that contracts rhythmically to pump blood through its body, aiding in the exchange of carbon dioxide and oxygen in the blood -- in other words, a heart.’”

According to Virginia Allen and Mary Margaret Olohan from the Daily Signal, the AP also does not want you using the terms pro-life or pro-choice, but rather abortion rights and anti-abortion. “use the modifiers anti-abortion or abortion-rights; don’t use pro-life, pro-choice or pro-abortion unless they are in quotes or proper names. Avoid abortionist, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions.” Allen and Olohan comment that “replacing the term “pro-choice” and “pro-abortion” with “abortion-rights” inaccurately implies that women have a right to end the life of the child growing in their womb. The Declaration of Independence speaks of a right to ‘Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,’ but neither the Declaration nor the Constitution provides a right to end a pregnancy through elective abortion. (Daily Signal)

Whitlock, Scott. “Pro-lifers outraged as Associated Press rejects ‘fetal heartbeat,’ ‘late-term abortion’ as valid terms.” Fox News, 12.8.2022.

Allen, Virginia, and Mary Margaret Olohan. “Major News Style Guide Tells Reporters ‘Don’t Use Pro-Life, Pro-Choice or Pro-Abortion,’ Instead Say ‘Anti-Abortion or Abortion-Rights.’” The Daily Signal. 12.8.2022



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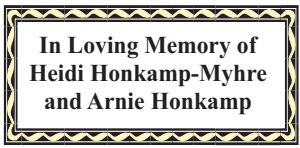
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