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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.



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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.

January 2025

Wednesday, January 1	• Happy New Year!
Thursday, January 16	• Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, January 26	• Holy Hour 7pm <i>St. John the Baptist, Peosta</i>
Friday, January 24	• National March for Life

February 2025

Friday, February 7	• Deadline to register for the Equipped for Life course
Monday, February 10	• Deadline to register for Trivia Night
Tuesday, February 11	• Equipped for Life Course begins 6-7:30pm <i>Dinner is provided</i>
Wednesday, February 12	• Equipped for Life Course begins 10-11:30am
Thursday, February 20	• Board of Directors meeting
Saturday, February 22	• Trivia Night - St. Columbkille's Parish Hall - Doors open 5pm
Thursday, February 27	• Holy Hour 7pm <i>St. John the Baptist, Peosta</i>

SAVE THE
date 2025
LIFE Dinner
Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

Happy New Year!!! 2024 was an impactful year thanks to all of you, our wonderful supporters! We had the Heartbeat Law being upheld by the Iowa Supreme Court and going into effect, which reports have stated that there has been a reduction in the number of abortions in Iowa since that decision. Great news!

In 2024, DCRTL and Ambassadors for Life held the first annual summer camp and now have a goal to further expand it in 2025. Also in 2024, we did more outreach and had more conversations with people who were on the fence or pro-choice. We hope to expand our outreach even further in 2025. These few things are just a little glimmer of what was able to be done this past year and what we hope to accomplish in 2025. We are grateful to you, our supporters, and to God for blessing our efforts.

We have a new initiative for 2025 that is grassroots-oriented, and I invite you to be part of it. Abortions are still happening thousands of times in Iowa each year, and hundreds of thousands of times in our country. We will ultimately make abortion unthinkable through a change in people's hearts and minds, but the law can be a teacher of what is important and valued and move us closer to a culture where abortion is seen for the evil that it is.

Last legislative session there was a bill titled Baby Olivia that would have made it required to show a video of human development in public schools. It was titled "Baby Olivia," referring to the 3-minute video that Live Action created showing human development based on scientific evidence from secular scholarly sources. The legislature did not pass the bill. You can watch the video at babyolivia.liveaction.org or by searching Baby Olivia Video in your preferred web browser.

How many kids would hold a differing opinion on abortion if they knew what human development looked like at that stage? What pro-life bill will not make it in the future if we don't do something?

One thing that helps legislators who are unsure about a bill, or those who are in favor of the bill but need encouragement, is to have many constituents contact them with their thoughts. We will make it straightforward for you. You will receive a notification via text or email (depending on your preference) from us with talking points and important information when bills are being considered. It's our goal to make it where it will take less than five minutes of your day.

We will be able to know more of what bills are filed and have a chance to pass once the Iowa State Legislature begins session on January 13th. Will you advocate for the pre-born this upcoming legislative session? Please email me at apayne@dctl.org or call our office at 563-556-5960 to be added to our notification list so we can let you know when important pro-life bills are being considered. Everyone deserves a right to LIFE. Every voice matters!

I wish you all a blessed and happy 2025!!

Augustine



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Thank You!



- Sue Lansing & Laura Dolehide for helping in the office!
- Thank you to those who supported DCRTL through the Butter Braid Fundraiser!
- Thank you to St. Joseph the Worker Church and everyone who played a role in our National Night of Prayer!
- Thank you to Erin Heim and Helen Gile for their help in coordinating the Butter Braid Fundraiser
- Thank you to our members who travel down to Iowa City on Thursdays to pray outside the Emma Goldman Abortion Center

Thank You Archbishop Zinkula!

We are grateful to have a meeting with the Archbishop of Dubuque, Thomas Zinkula. We were able to share thoughts on the cultural battle for Life, and he led us in a prayer for our efforts.





PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE



by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney

Dear Friends for Life –

Landmark test case filed in Texas that could affect Iowa

Dr. Margaret Daley Carpenter is a New York family medicine doctor who has entered the baby-killing telemedicine abortion business, peddling abortion pills all over the country from her home state of New York. She co-founded the Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine, which is dedicated to killing babies and harming women via abortion pills in states that have laws protecting women and their unborn children. She has now been sued by the state of Texas for aborting a baby and harming the child's mother in Texas. This is a landmark test case because it will pit Texas' pro-life laws against New York's pro-abortion laws.

Texas, like Iowa, has a heartbeat protective law for pregnant women and their unborn children. The protections include the following:

- 1.) A doctor who wants to practice medicine by telemedicine and prescribe drugs in Texas must have a Texas medical license and register with the state medical board (Iowa has the same requirement).
- 2.) The doctor must hold admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the location where the abortion is to be performed or induced.
- 3.) A doctor who wants to abort a baby must conduct an in-person exam of the mother.

Carpenter is being sued by the state of Texas because she prescribed abortion pills to a Texas woman and did so after only a telemedicine visit online. No in-person exam was conducted. The woman took the pills and then required hospitalization due to severe bleeding. Her unborn child being aborted was nine weeks old. Texas heartbeat law allows the Texas Attorney General to sue non-licensed abortionists from other states who try to circumvent Texas law in this fashion. Dr. Carpenter is NOT licensed or authorized to practice medicine in the state of Texas. On December 12, 2024, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sued Carpenter in Texas state court, seeking an injunction barring Carpenter from sending abortion pills across state lines to pregnant patients in Texas. He also seeks civil fines up to \$250,000.00.

This case is what lawyers call a "test case," because it will pit New York's abortionist "shield law" against Texas' pro-life heartbeat law that only allows abortion in very limited circumstances. It appears to be the first state vs. state lawsuit in the country. New York's shield law was passed after the Dobbs U.S. Supreme Court decision and is designed to shield New York abortionists from lawsuits and legal consequences from their harmful actions. Yes, New York has declared it doesn't care what another state's law is. New York doctors can abort babies by telemedicine anywhere they want to, and New York law will protect them. Texas law says out-of-state unlicensed doctors like Carpenter cannot abort babies and harm women in Texas without being held accountable.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton states he filed the lawsuit because "... an out-of-state doctor violated the law and caused serious harm to this patient. This doctor prescribed abortion-inducing drugs—unauthorized, over telemedicine—causing her patient to end up in the hospital with serious complications. In Texas, we treasure the health and lives of mothers and babies, and this is why out-of-state doctors may not illegally and dangerously prescribe abortion-inducing drugs to Texas residents."

DCRTL will monitor this case as it proceeds through the courts and keep you informed. It has consequences for Iowa because although Iowa is not bound by any ruling of a Texas state court, the legal reasoning and arguments offered by the parties in the Texas lawsuit will be cited in other courts as persuasive.

Pro-Life Court & Legislative Update

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You can read more about this and see the actual lawsuit at this link:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/attorney-general-ken-paxton-sues-activist-new-york-doctor-illegally-providing-abortion-drugs-across>

Other State News From Around the Country

The State of Kentucky is wrestling over whether its State Constitution contains a right to abortion. After *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the *Dobbs* decision, Kentucky passed a pro-life law that only allowed abortions to save the mother's life, to prevent serious risk to her physical health, or to prevent the serious permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ.

In 2022, abortionists sued Kentucky to overturn this pro-life law, but the Supreme Court of Kentucky ruled in February 2023 that an abortionist could not raise the constitutional rights of the pregnant woman. The woman would have to bring the lawsuit herself.

So the ACLU filed a new lawsuit in Kentucky state court on November 12, 2024, on behalf of a woman 7-8 weeks pregnant, who claims she has a constitutional right to kill her child under the Kentucky state constitution. The lawsuit seeks to overturn Kentucky's pro-life law and asks that it be certified as a class action suit. If granted class action status, any final ruling of the Kentucky Supreme Court would apply to all pregnant Kentucky women... whether they are parties to the lawsuit or not!

Fortunately, this kind of lawsuit could not be brought in Iowa, as our Supreme Court has already ruled there is no state constitutional right to abortion in Iowa. Hopefully, the lower court and ultimately the Kentucky Supreme Court will reach the same conclusion.

Thanks for reading. DCRTL will keep you informed!

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 "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.dctrl.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.

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

5th Grade Poster Contest



**Lucy Scherbring - St.
Francis Xavier School -
1st place overall**



**Alyssa Medinger - Marquette Catholic -
2nd place overall**



**Charlotte Hedley - Seton Catholic School -
3rd place overall**



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**Alena Pennington
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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: _____

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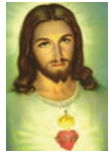
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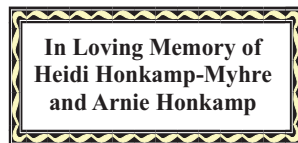
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