



IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE

On June 22nd, we will commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the overturn of Roe v. Wade in the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court Decision (June 24th). We have to show the Iowa Legislature and media that the Iowa people support protecting the preborn and helping moms in need.

We would like to make it as easy for as many people to attend as possible. Registration goes until June 3rd and the cost is \$50 per person with a maximum of \$150 per family. To sign-up, please contact our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org.

Note: If it's easier for you to meet us at the Capitol instead of taking the bus, please feel free!

Members of the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders (of which DCRTL is a member) is sponsoring and organizing this event.

Trip Itinerary-

- 8:40 am Depart Church of the Nativity (1225 Alta Vista St, Dubuque, IA 52001)
- 9:10 am Pickup at Beckman High School (1325 9th St SE, Dyersville, IA 52040)
- 12:30 pm Arrive at Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines. View pro-life vendors and sponsors from around the state.
- 1:00 pm March for Life Rally begins in the Capitol Rotunda immediately followed by the March.
- 4:00 pm Depart Des Moines and head for home. We will make a stop at Culvers on the way home for anyone who would like to grab a bite to eat.

Note: Please bring packed lunches for the trip. If you would like to take a tour of the Capitol, the last tours begin at 2:30. You are also welcome to tour it on your own.



Happy Father's Day!



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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.

June 2024

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| Monday, June 3 | Regular registration deadline for Iowa State March for Life |
| Friday, June 7 | Deadline to sign up for the Monday Equipped for Life course |
| Monday, June 10 | Equipped for Life Course - 6:00pm Online or DCRTL Office |
| Wednesday, June 12 | Deadline for Thursday's Equipped for Life course |
| Thursday, June 13 | Equipped for Life course - 1:00pm DCRTL Office |
| Sunday, June 16 | Happy Father's Day! |
| Thursday, June 20 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Saturday, June 22 | Iowa State March for Life - Des Moines, IA |
| Wednesday, June 26 | Deadline for final pledges & payments to be mailed to Birdies for Charity |
| Thursday, June 27 | Holy Hour - 7:00pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta |

July 2024

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| Mon. - Sun. July 1-7 | John Deere Classic Tournament Week |
| Tuesday, July 2 | Deadline to register for Taking Abortion from Debate to Dialogue workshop |
| Thursday, July 4 | Happy Independence Day! DCRTL Office closed |
| Friday, July 5 | Late deadline for pledges and payments to be mailed to Birdies for Charity |
| Wednesday, July 10 | Justice for All - Debate to Dialogue workshop - 5:30pm - DCRTL Office |
| Thursday, July 11 | Justice for All - Debate to Dialogue workshop - 9:30am - DCRTL Office |
| Thurs. - Sat. July 11 - 13 | Generations for Life Summer Camp |
| Thursday, July 18 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Tues - Sun July 23 - 28 | DCRTL Booth at Dubuque County Fair |
| Thursday, July 25 | Holy Hour - 7:00pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta |



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If Planned Parenthood didn't do abortions in Iowa but did them in California, Illinois, and New York, would you still go there for other services? That may be an easy question to answer. Now instead of Planned Parenthood, the question was in regard to Walgreens or CVS Pharmacy.

Pharmacies are supposed to be places where people go to obtain medicine to restore or maintain their health, not the local street corner killing centers. Unfortunately, that is the new reality for some pharmacies.

Back in 2023, the FDA said that they would allow retail pharmacies to sell the abortion pill. Walgreens, CVS, and Rite-Aid said that they would apply to carry the deadly drug in the same places people would go to get life-saving medicine. Our pro-life attorney general, Brenna Bird, along with other pro-life attorney generals, sent a letter to Walgreens warning them that they could face legal action if they were selling the lethal drug in their states. Walgreens decided not to have the drug available in those states but would continue the application for having it available in abortion-friendly states.

In March 2024, CVS and Walgreens announced that they would begin selling the abortion drug in several locations in Illinois, New York, California, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, but they would not disclose where exactly. It is no surprise that the Biden administration is celebrating this move. According to CBS News, without insurance, it would cost just \$79 to obtain these deadly pills.

I believe that just like Planned Parenthood, we should be all in on not giving them a dime of our business. The good news about this area is that we have other pharmacies (Hartig Drug, Walmart, etc.) that we can prioritize when in need of medicine.

In order to increase our impact, we can share this information with our neighbors and friends so they can join in on the boycott. If you need help finding the nearest alternative for a pharmacy, contact our office.

Should we as a community be doing more to protest this decision by CVS and Walgreens? We are always interested in your thoughts. Call our office at 563-556-5960, or email me at apayne@dctrl.org.

Another opportunity for pro-life activism this month is our Iowa State March for Life. Will you join us on the bus or meet us down in Des Moines as we take a united stand for those who can't speak for themselves? For more information, please see the front cover.

Something everyone can do this month is to pray for our Iowa State Supreme Court Justices and for the U.S. Supreme Court Justices. They have major decisions expected in the month of June related to the pro-life cause.

Together, we can end the killing and build a culture that respects every human Life.

Augustine

Cerullo, Megan. "CVS and Walgreens to Start Selling Abortion Pills This Month." CBS News, CBS Interactive, 1 Mar. 2024.



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- Mary Ann Green for donating bottled water to the office!



PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear friends for Life –

Here's some important news from Iowa and around the country.

Iowa

The Iowa legislative session has ended. Please review my May column for a summary of which pro-life laws succeeded and which ones failed. This month we expect the Iowa Supreme Court to rule on Iowa's Heartbeat Law, which was orally argued before the Iowa Supreme Court on April 11, 2024.

Under the Heartbeat Law, doctors cannot perform an abortion when the pre-born child has a detectable heartbeat unless in the doctor's reasonable medical judgment a medical emergency exists, or the pregnancy results from rape or incest and has been reported to authorities within certain required timelines.

In addition, the doctor must inform the pregnant woman **IN WRITING** of the following:

1. Whether a fetal heartbeat was detected;
2. If a fetal heartbeat was detected, an abortion is prohibited.

The expected mother must also sign a form acknowledging that they have received the information required in sections 1 and 2.

As I have previously mentioned in this column, the Heartbeat Law specifies that it cannot be used by prosecutors or judges to impose civil or criminal penalties on the woman, even if she has an abortion in violation of the heartbeat law. In other words, she cannot be charged, fined, or put in jail for having an illegal abortion under Iowa's heartbeat law. Anyone who tells you differently is misinformed, so don't believe them. This law is designed to punish death peddling abortionists, not their victims.

In other Iowa news, the University of Iowa Law School has added a so-called "expert on reproductive justice" to their law school faculty. She will begin teaching in August of this year. She has written that the Dobbs Supreme Court case, which reversed *Roe v. Wade*, will cause devastating effects on abortion "healthcare." She is in favor of legalized abortion without limitations. Her salary is funded by private donations, but her office and supplies will likely be paid for with your tax dollars. It is unlikely that Iowa Law School, under its current leadership, will ever hire a pro-life professor. It is interesting that the Iowa law school has made this hire at a time when the pro-life governor's office and Iowa legislature have repeatedly passed laws designed to protect women and stop the killing of preborn people. Now we will have the only public law school in the state of Iowa pushing a pro-abortion educational agenda on the next crop of Iowa lawyers. Hopefully courageous pro-life law students will feel free to voice their opinion in school and out of school.

Iowa pro-life Attorney General Brenna Bird has joined 16 other state attorneys general in suing the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) because it has mandated employers make accommodations for women who get abortions under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA). The PWFA was written to protect the security and physical health of expectant mothers and their pre-born children. It was not enacted to promote or provide extra benefits for abortion. The EEOC is arguably twisting the law and violating the consciences of employers by making them facilitate abortions. The EEOC rule would apply to all employers with more than 15 employees, unless the accommodation imposes undue hardship on the employer. The lawsuit is in its early stages and no permanent ruling has been issued at this time.



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National and Other State News From Around The Country

South Dakota

Our pro-life neighbors in South Dakota have passed House Bill 1224, which requires the creation of an informational video and other materials describing the state's abortion law and medical care for pregnant women experiencing life-threatening or health-threatening medical conditions. A video will be created to help doctors understand that South Dakota's pro-life laws do not prevent them from treating women for life-threatening conditions such as an ectopic pregnancy.

Tennessee

The Iowa legislature couldn't do it, but the Tennessee legislature passed a "Baby Olivia" Law that was signed by the governor on April 23, 2024. It requires the family life curriculum in public schools that directly or indirectly discusses human growth, human development, or human sexuality, to include the presentation of a high-quality, computer-generated animation or high-definition ultrasound of at least three minutes in duration, that shows the development of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal development. This is a great thing, and it will supplement the sonograms of their younger pre-born siblings that many children see posted on their refrigerator at home. Hopefully the implementation of the Tennessee law will go smoothly and can be used as a model for the Iowa legislature in the 2025 session.

New York

Pro-abortion New York Attorney General Letitia James has sued Ohio and New York pro-life pregnancy resource centers (PRC), claiming that they misinform the public about the effectiveness of abortion pill reversal medication. There is medical documentation from pro-life doctors that if properly administered, early use of progesterone-based medication can stop an abortion from occurring in women who have changed their mind but already have taken one of the abortion pills. Lawyers from the Thomas More Society are defending the PRC's and have counter-sued the state of New York.

Washington D.C.

Lauren Hardy was sentenced to 4 years and 9 months in federal prison on May 14, 2024, for violating the so-called FACE Act (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) at the Washington Surgi-Clinic, operated by late-term abortionist Cesare Santangelo. Santangelo, in an undercover video done by Live Action, admitted on camera that he would do nothing to help a child live if they survived a failed abortion attempt. After this shocking discovery, Hardy and the eight other pro-lifers organized a peaceful protest that blocked access to the clinic in October 2020.

By the time you read this, the other eight pro-lifers will have been sentenced, so Google their names and see how harshly the federal government treats peaceful pro-life protesters who are only guilty of trying to help women in crisis and save babies. They are Herb Geraghty, Heather Idoni, Paulette Harlow, Will Goodman, Jean Marshall, John Hinshaw, Jonathan Darnell, and Joan Andrews Bell. An additional four defendants will be sentenced later in the year. It is reported that 58-year-old Heather Idoni suffered a stroke while incarcerated in solitary confinement for 22 days. She states that she was allowed to walk outside her cell for only two hours per day and that her cell lights were continually kept on. This is arguably cruel and unusual punishment under the U.S. Constitution. No other peaceful protesters are treated this harshly by the U.S. government, and killing centers are the only places protected it seems.

Arizona

A court decision in Arizona reinstated a law that provided full protection for preborn babies. Unfortunately, on May 1st the Arizona legislature quickly moved to change that, passing a law that only protects preborn babies after 15 weeks.

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Remember, there is no gestation-related physical development milestone at 15 weeks (the baby just continues to grow), although some scientists think that pain is first felt by the baby at that time (there is also evidence that pain is sensed much earlier). The new law is still a bit tied up in the courts, and it is likely that Arizona will be one of several states. (see below) that consider abortion related ballots this November.

Florida

Pro-life Governor Ron DeSantis signed a six-week protective law in Florida, which took effect May 1, 2024. Simultaneously, the state plans to spend \$25 million as part of the Florida Pregnancy Care Network, a statewide alliance of crisis pregnancy help centers for women. These two laws are a model for other states that are working toward protecting babies and helping women facing unintended pregnancies to carry their babies to term. Florida will have an abortion issue on the ballot in November as mentioned below.

Abortion On The Ballot In November

Registered voters in Arizona, South Dakota, Florida, Maryland, and New York are set to vote on November 5th to either legalize abortion up to viability or birth, and in some cases on whether to amend their state constitutions to incorporate abortion on demand.

Pro-abortion forces in Arkansas, Missouri, and Colorado are working to collect enough signatures to place similar issues on the ballot in their states.

If you have friends, relatives, or acquaintances in these states, please educate and inform them about the horrors of abortion and the positive pro-life alternatives to unintended pregnancies you know are available in every state. To view updates on these ballot measures, just Google “abortion-related state ballot issues in November, 2024” and if need be, verify what you read with our office at 563-556-5960.

As always, keep reading, listening, and viewing...It is up to us to educate the world on the humanity of pre-born people and to share the truth that there are positive pro-life alternatives to abortion. Dubuque County Right to Life will keep you educated and informed.

Arthur F. Gilloon,
Attorney and Board Member



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.

GENERATIONS FOR LIFE CAMP - FINAL CALL!!



Dubuque County Right To Life and the Ambassadors for Life are holding our first annual Generations for Life summer camp. 3 days and 2 nights of learning, fun, fellowship, and outreach! It will be held from Thursday, July 11 - 13, 2024, at the Bean Farm Scotch Grove. If you missed the sign-up deadline in May, contact our office (563-556-5960 or apayne@dctrl.org) to see if there is still room. More information can be found in our May Newsletter.



**DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIR -
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TUESDAY, JULY 23 - SUNDAY, JULY 28**

This summer Dubuque County Right To Life (DCRTL) will again have an educational booth at the Dubuque County Fair! We are so eager to be able to promote LIFE at our booth to thousands of people! From Tuesday, July 23rd to Sunday, July 28th, we will be handing out 12-week old fetal models, educational pens, lollipops, magnets, brochures, newsletters, and more! Our booth features our fetal model display, educating fair-goers of life in the womb, as well as our large Abortion Timeline banner that compares side-by-side the gruesome abortion procedures to the timeline of the stages of fetal development. It is incredibly eye opening!

We will also have a second booth with our dialogue table! This table allows fair goers to vote on “Should abortion remain legal?” and talk with DCRTL volunteers who have taken the Equipped for Life Course.

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering for a shift (4 hours) at either of our booths during the fair. An admission ticket will be provided to you – volunteer for a few hours and then go have fun at the fair! You won’t be left to volunteer alone, we promise! If you are interested in signing up, contact our office at 563-556-5960 or reception@dcrtl.org

If you are considering signing up for the dialogue table but have never taken the Equipped for Life Course before, we’d be happy to set that up for you. Also, a training with Justice For All is in the works that will be offered to help with better dialogue prior to our summer camp.

The Equipped for Life Course

Most people have at least one relative or friend that thinks abortion should be legal in some or all circumstances. The Equipped for Life Course provides a fresh approach on how to have conversations that will leave people desiring to discuss it more. Equal Rights Institute developed this method from thousands of conversations with pro-choice people and it works.

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, we have a plan for you. We will discuss many topics including the tool “Trot Out a Toddler,” The Philosophical Case for the pre-born child, as well as responding to arguments around Rape and Bodily Rights. This is FREE and kids are welcome.

Two upcoming sessions:

- Every Monday - June 10th - July 15th - 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Dinner included) - 6 sessions - online and in-person at the DCRTL Office. Register by Friday, June 7th.
- Every Thursday - June 13th - July 18th (5 sessions - No class on July 4th) - 1pm - 2:30pm. In-person only at the DCRTL Office. Register by Wednesday, June 12th.





Annual John Deere Classic "Birdies for Charity"

Reminder: Dubuque County Right to Life is participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program! Our "bird number" is 1662. Please consider sending in a pledge card to support the Pro-Life Cause! When you send in your pledge, DCRTL will receive 100% of the funds raised PLUS an additional 5-10% bonus match! See our May Newsletter or contact our office (563-556-5960 or dctrl@dctrl.org) for further instructions.



Justice For All Presents: Taking Abortion from Debate to Dialogue

A Justice For All interactive pro-life workshop is coming to Dubuque and there will be two opportunities to participate. In this workshop, you will learn how to start a conversation with a pro-choice advocate and make it productive, as well as learn how to respond to common pro-choice arguments, all within the context of being a good ambassador for Christ. It is similar to the Equipped for Life Course, though I have appreciated learning from both and I'm sure all attendees will learn something new and become better at having good dialogue.

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - 5:30 - 8pm
Dinner included

OR

Thursday, July 11, 2024 - 9:30 - 2pm
Light breakfast and lunch will be provided

Wednesday's workshop will be more condensed. Thursday's workshop will cover additional content.

Both will take place at the Dubuque County Right To Life office: 2205 Carter Rd, Dubuque, IA 52001

Cost: Free

Register by Tuesday, July 2, 2024 by calling our office 563-556-5960 or emailing us at dctrlvents@gmail.com

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