



MARCH 2025 VOLUME 28 NUMBER 3



## ROSARY & MASS FOR LIFE

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

**Christ the King Chapel - Loras College  
(1500 Alta Vista St, Dubuque, IA 52001)**

*In honor of the Feast of the Annunciation (9 months until Christmas Day), Dubuque County Right to Life would like to invite you to join us as we pray for the protection of our pre-born brothers and sisters, mothers and families facing unexpected pregnancy that they may choose Life, and for the healing of those impacted by abortion.*

## Dubuque County Right to Life's 31st Annual LIFE Dinner

Thursday April 24th, 2025

5pm - 8:30pm

Dubuque County Fairgrounds

*\*\*please note change in venue\*\**



Keynote speaker:  
Jason Jones

*Would you like to be a table host and invite family and friends to join you for a wonderful evening? We can send you a Table Host packet as soon as they are available. Send an email to Augustine Payne at [apayne@dctrl.org](mailto:apayne@dctrl.org), and together let's grow our movement and increase our impact in our community.*



*Please RSVP by calling the office at 563-556-5960, or emailing us at [dctrl@dctrl.org](mailto:dctrl@dctrl.org).*

*The deadline to RSVP is Monday, March 31, 2025.*

## March 2025

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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.

## March 2025

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| Wednesday, March 5  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins</li></ul>  |
| Wednesday, March 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassadors for Life meeting 6:15pm presentation &amp; discussion by Emily Geiger from Equal Rights Institute</li></ul>                    |
| Monday, March 17    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to apply for the DCRTL High School Scholarship. In-person 4:00pm CST, or online at 11:59pm CST.</li></ul>                         |
| Thursday, March 20  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Directors meeting</li></ul>   |
| Tuesday, March 25   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosary &amp; Mass for Life - 5:30pm Rosary / 6:00pm Mass at Christ the King Chapel, Loras College (1500 Alta Vista St., Dubuque)</li></ul> |
| Thursday, March 27  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holy Hour 7pm St. John the Baptist, Peosta</li></ul>   |
| Saturday, March 29  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Movie Night &amp; Chick-Fil-A for all high school teens - DCRTL Office Conference Room. 6pm dinner / 6:30pm movie begins.</li></ul>        |
| Monday, March 31    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RSVP deadline for the LIFE Dinner</li></ul>  |

## April 2025

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| Wednesday, April 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassadors for Life monthly meeting - 6:15pm</li></ul>                      |
| Saturday, April 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pro-Life Scholarship Speech Contest - 9am DCRTL Office</li></ul>             |
| Sunday, April 20   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easter Sunday</li></ul>  |
| Thursday, April 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 31st Annual Life Dinner - 5:00-8:30pm - Dubuque County Fairgrounds</li></ul> |

## 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

Dear DCRTL Supporters,

I want to update you on how 2024 went based on the new initiatives I mentioned during my update at the 2024 LIFE Dinner. Also, this month, I'm seeking your thoughts and feedback on the topics discussed below.

### **What didn't happen:**

I mentioned during my talk that I felt we needed to do something to educate on the topic of assisted suicide. Though it is not currently a pressing issue in Iowa, we do have the issue popping up in states around the country, including Illinois and Minnesota. As we have learned with the issue of abortion, we know it is more beneficial to start educating before people have formed deeply embedded opinions. With that in mind, we felt we needed to do something in the coming year. I had initially planned on doing it in January or February, but it became evident that due to being short on staff, we would not be able to do this project this winter.

What are your thoughts on how important educating on assisted suicide should be? Do you have thoughts on subtopics you would like to learn more about under assisted suicide/euthanasia?

### **What was not as fruitful as I had hoped:**

Another new initiative was to be more proactive in providing support to build a pro-life movement at Loras College. Unfortunately, that was not as fruitful as I would have liked or envisioned. We were blessed to host Sarah Hurm on campus for her to share her testimony of abortion pill reversal in October, which drew close to 50 students and community members. The students also did a sidewalk chalk day and a few days of tabling. These events/projects were great, but most of the time, they faced resistance, which required more time and effort from the students.

In some sense, this resistance should not come as a surprise. We know there are people who support abortion who do not want us to succeed in building a culture of Life. When we encounter resistance, it means we have more work to do to change that campus and culture, and we must think strategically about how to further our cause.

In the past several months, I had hoped to have more dialogue opportunities on campus with pro-choice students. In having good dialogue, we can start to change the culture of a campus and community. I firmly believe dialogue with others who disagree with us is needed and required if we are going to change a culture.

Practically speaking, I have had to think about what we could have done better to make this program the success I had hoped for. Two things come to mind. 1) Internally, I had hoped that it would self-run and that I would be the "guide." Many of you could have probably told me, "Don't plan on a new initiative to run itself." I learned the lesson the hard way. I need to plan on giving it more time and effort if we do this in the future. Also, I didn't have the foresight that those we selected to do this project were super busy with other school activities they were involved in. In college, I had the same tendency to want to be involved in everything. It led to scheduling and priority struggles. This project would be more appropriate for someone with more time to dedicate to this one project.

What are your thoughts on being involved on college campuses? Do you have ideas on how we could be involved in colleges as community members (hint: it's easier as a student)? What about public high schools? Maybe you know someone who would be great to connect with.

## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Where we hit our mark!

We had a highly impactful first summer camp for high school students. Many students loved the experience and wanted to expand it from just being 3 days/2-night camp. That is our goal for 2025! Expand the number of days and increase the number of attendees.

Students were able to learn more about the abortion issue, hear from someone who had an abortion, learn how to have better conversations about abortion, and put it into practice at an outreach event at Farmers Market in downtown Dubuque. I thought it all went great. One of the students even had one instant mind change during one of his conversations!!

We most likely won't know the impact this person who changed their mind will have on others. They may talk with a close friend and change their heart on the issue. He may change the heart of someone he knows who is in a challenging situation and seeking an abortion. The possibilities are endless. An example of this happening is our Outreach Associate, Grace Van Petten, who just five years ago had her viewpoint on abortion changed by someone sharing the pro-life message. She is now a passionate advocate for the pro-life cause, conversing with other pro-choice people and changing their hearts and minds.

Another goal we hit was doing four outreaches in 2024. We were at the Juneteenth event downtown Dubuque asking the question to attendees, "When do we get human rights?" while showing the progression of human development; we were at the Dubuque County Fair every day having dialogues; we were at the Dubuque Farmers Market as mentioned above; and we did a sample door to door outreach talking to people about the pregnancy resources that exist in our community (studies have shown that this many people do not know that resources exist in the community). Through these outreaches, we saw many perspective changes and some mind changes. It is tough for someone to change their mind on the spot, but we also must still plant the seeds. We see a perspective change as a step towards that goal.

One of the perspective changes that happened during the door-to-door outreach was with a woman who we will call Suzy. Many people had seen the news stories stating that "pro-life laws were causing people to die" last fall. In talking with Suzy at the door, our conversation shifted from pregnancy resources in the community to her concerns and worries about pro-life laws based on what she had seen in the news. It was in further discussing some of the details of these stories that we were able to show her that these are tragic stories of poor medical practice AND NOT a result of pro-life laws. Suzy and so many other people in our community would not encounter the pro-life message if it were not for your support, which allows us to be an active presence in the community.

Also, a big thank you to those who helped with the summer camp or the outreaches to make them successful!! It wasn't easy, but I believe it was totally worth it. We are investing in the next generation of young people and reaching those in the community with the pro-life message! That is how we are growing our movement.

Thank YOU for your support in 2024!!

If you have any questions or thoughts, I'd love to hear from you. You can email me at [apayne@dcrtl.org](mailto:apayne@dcrtl.org) or call me at 563-556-5960.

Through your support, we are building a culture of Life one mind & heart at a time.

Advocating for Life,

*Augustine*



*P.S. Don't forget to RSVP to our LIFE Dinner and invite your Pro-Life friends!!!*



**GENERATIONS FOR LIFE SUMMER CAMP 2024**



**DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIR 2024**

**2024  
OUTREACH  
NUMBERS:**

- 300+ conversations with pro-choice people this year. 20+ mind changes and 100+ perspective changes on abortion.
- 1,300+ of the 11-week preborn baby models given out to young people





## PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE, COURT, AND OTHER LEGAL NEWS

by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear Friends for Life -

Lots to talk about, so please read to the very end.

### IOWA NEWS

First, some good news in Iowa. You will recall from February's DCRTL Newsletter that the so-called "Baby Olivia" bill was introduced in the Iowa Legislature to require students to view a scientifically accurate video as part of their science and human development classes, showing the beauty of human life from conception onward.

On February 18, the Iowa Senate passed Senate File 175 (31-13, with six absences) its version of this much-needed law, which requires grades 4-12 in all schools to receive instruction related to pregnancy and fetal development, and for the first time, requiring that they see, "A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or animation, or an ultrasound or other real image, that depicts the humanity of the unborn child by showing prenatal human development, starting at fertilization, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development throughout every stage of pregnancy."

All Republican Senate members who voted supported this pro-life bill, including Senator Carrie Koelker from Dubuque County. Mike Zimmer, a Democrat Senator representing part of Jackson County, was the only Democrat to vote in favor of the bill. Dubuque Democrat Senator Tom Townsend cast a pro-abortion vote against the bill.

If this bill becomes law, Iowa students will be shown from 4th grade on, each year, an actual real ultrasound or other real "live" video, or computer animation showing an UNBORN BABY DEVELOPING IN THE WOMB FROM CONCEPTION ONWARD TO BIRTH. Hooray!!! You would think it is common sense to have such instruction, but it is not necessarily so in every school in all these grade levels. Under this new law, and with the methods currently available to see inside the womb, nothing will be left to "opinion" as to the scientific fact that human life begins at fertilization.

It is important to understand that while this is a great pro-life legislative victory, more work needs to be done. The same bill must now be passed in the Iowa House of Representatives. The current House version of this video bill is HF391 (i.e., House File). It has been passed by committee and is ready for debate as soon as the House leaders authorize it. By the time you read this column, we hope that the Iowa House will have passed the same bill. Just to be sure, please contact DCRTL at 563-556-5960 when you receive this Newsletter to see if the House has done its part. If the bill has not yet passed in the House, DCRTL can tell you who your Iowa Representatives are so you may contact them with your thoughts regarding this educational effort to make our students knowledgeable regarding human life in the womb!

Lastly, House Study Bill 186 to control out-of-state abortionists from freely peddling abortion pills in Iowa has been introduced in the Iowa House. It requires the abortionist to inform the mother in writing ....

"of all of the risks commonly associated with a medication abortion, that it may be possible to reverse the intended effects of a medication abortion if the woman changes her mind but that time is of the essence, and that information on and assistance with reversing the effects of a medication abortion is available on the department of health and human services internet site."

Importantly, this bill does NOT call for any civil liability or criminal charges against the women who might take these abortion death pills. It will not penalize women. It is meant to stop the abortionists from harming women and killing unborn children. All over the country, women taking abortion pills are suffering extreme bleeding and hemorrhaging resulting in hospitalization or death. They are being told that these at-home abortion pills are safe. They are not safe.

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President Donald J. Trump has issued several executive orders that assist the pro-life movement: an order to enforce the Hyde Amendment and prohibit federal funding and promotion of abortion in the U.S.; an order withdrawing the United States from the very pro-abortion world health organization (WHO); an order reinstating the so-called Mexico-City policy which prohibits foreign organizations receiving US funds from performing or promoting abortion, or which “ support or participate in the management of a program of coercive abortion, or involuntary sterilization” such as the United Nations Population Fund; an order which stops federal funding of fetal tissue research. These are all executive orders that will save women from the harm of abortion, and limit the killing of babies.

The Trump administration has also apparently shut off the Biden Administration’s HHS so-called “Reproductive Rights” resource page on the internet, which was a baby-killing information center paid for with tax dollars to advertise for the abortion industry. There was no publicity regarding this shut-off. The site just disappeared. All good.

In addition, the Department of Justice has ordered its federal prosecutors to cease all cases against peaceful pro-lifers under the FACE Act (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) passed in 1994. The memo directing this action states in part:

President Trump ...“has recently directed all federal departments and agencies to identify and correct the past weaponization of law enforcement. To many Americans, prosecutions and civil actions under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act ("FACE Act") have been the prototypical example of this weaponization. And for good reason. Even though more than 100 crisis pregnancy centers, pro-life organizations, and churches were attacked in the immediate aftermath of the Dobbs decision, nearly all prosecutions under the FACE Act have been against pro-life protesters. That is not the even-handed administration of justice.....until further notice, no new abortion-related FACE Act actions---criminal or civil---will be permitted without authorization from the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.”

All of the above actions of the current administration are aimed at correcting the pro-abortion, baby-killing executive orders and policies of the previous administration and justice department.

The above orders will protect the women and babies, but also protect the freedom of those who offer free alternatives to abortion and aid to women in the United States.

### NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

**Wisconsin** - The race for the next Wisconsin Supreme Court judge pits a pro-life candidate, Brad Schimel, against pro-abortion Susan Crawford. Schimel is a current state judge and former Wisconsin Attorney General. Crawford is a current state court judge. Their positions on the Life issues are well-known from the court cases in which they have been involved. Planned Parenthood endorsed Crawford, so that tells you all you need to know. For you Wisconsin readers, the election is on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

**Indiana** - More good news. The pro-life Republican governor of Indiana has ordered the Indiana Department of Health to release abortion reports in order to make sure Indiana’s pro-life laws are being enforced, and that abortionists are not killing babies and harming women. Governor Mike Braun, who defeated pro-abortion Democrat Jennifer McCormick in the November 2024 election, said he is trying to enforce the law as passed by Indiana’s pro-life legislature. Indiana protects preborn children from abortion in all cases, except for a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, rape or incest, or if the mother’s physical health or life is in danger. The reporting requirements are to help determine when abortions are being done under this law, and that these exceptions are not being abused by abortionists.

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**Missouri** - Sad news from Missouri but the fight is not over. You may recall Missouri was one of the first states to pass protective laws after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, but that law was undone by a Missouri constitutional amendment ballot issue that passed in 2024. The elected pro-life Republican majority Missouri legislature responded by passing reasonable laws to license and review abortion clinic practices. On February 14, 2025, a state court judge struck down the new pro-life laws, so for now Planned Parenthood and the other baby killers are open for business. It is expected that the Missouri Attorney General will appeal the judge's ruling to the Missouri Supreme court, and the legislature is likely to pass new laws to safeguard pregnant women from the abortion profiteers. Stay tuned. Brian Westbrook, pro-life executive director of Coalition Life in Missouri, echoed what other pro-life Missourians are saying about the abortionists: "They (i.e. Planned Parenthood and other abortionists) are not fighting for women. They are fighting to remove every possible check on their harmful, deadly business." Let's hope that pro-life Missouri citizens can find a way to legislate new laws or pass another amendment on the ballot.

**Illinois** - As I write this column, a physician-assisted suicide law sponsored by the Democrats is being debated in the Illinois Legislature. This is a terrible bill, as it would change current Illinois law and allow a doctor to give his/her patient drugs to kill themselves. It literally redefines "suicide" to not be suicide. It makes killers out of doctors and forces healthcare providers and insurers to cooperate. Insurance companies will have to pay out the life insurance even in instances where the person kills themselves. It is a disgrace and puts disabled, depressed, sick and infirm, and mentally challenged people in great danger of being pushed to kill themselves.

**Texas, Louisiana, and New York** - As reported in our January Newsletter (p.5), Texas sued New York mail-order abortionist Margaret Daley Carpenter for sending abortion pills to a Texas citizen that caused her to bleed so badly she needed hospitalization. Dr. Carpenter never examined the Texas victim and does not have a Texas medical license or hospital privileges. Nonetheless, and because she touts herself as an abortion purveyor around the USA, Dr. Carpenter sent abortion pills to the mother and caused her serious injury. Dr. Carpenter never responded to this lawsuit, so she has been fined \$100,000.00. It is a civil lawsuit, not a criminal charge. New York has a "shield" law and will not cooperate with the Texas lawyers for records, subpoenas, or other court processes. So this lawsuit will undoubtedly end up in higher courts to determine who is right: Texas or New York. Texas says it can sue and fine Carpenter. New York says it has no authority over New York doctors who are shielded from such lawsuits under New York law.

A Louisiana grand jury has indicted this same Dr. Carpenter on a felony charge for sending abortion pills to a Baton Rouge mother who made her minor pregnant daughter take them. The minor suffered a medical emergency from the pills (while she was alone!), and she needed to be hospitalized. Dr. Carpenter NEVER talked to or examined the minor before mailing the abortion pills to her mother. A judge has now issued an arrest warrant for Carpenter, which New York will not honor. The appellate courts will ultimately have to determine who wins. That is, can Louisiana pursue a non-resident abortionist who kills babies and harms Texas women in violation of Texas law, or will New York be able to shield its abortionists from the criminal charges against them in other states? Time will tell, and DCRTL will keep you informed.

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**Georgia** - You may recall the Alabama case last year where a fertility clinic allowed a non-employee to enter the freezer room where frozen embryos were stored. This person dropped the test tubes containing some embryos (i.e., unimplanted preborn humans) which destroyed the embryos. The parents sued the clinic, and politicians became upset to think that such lawsuits would lead to banning in vitro fertilization (IVF). So, Alabama and other states passed laws protecting IVF clinics from getting sued. But now other cases are appearing that show the harms of IVF.

A 38-year-old woman from Savannah, Georgia, who became pregnant through IVF has sued the fertility clinic for implanting the wrong embryo in her womb. Here are the basic facts of what happened. Using a sperm donor, one of her eggs was fertilized. It was implanted successfully, and when her baby was born, he was not a baby from her egg and her sperm donor's sperm. They discovered this initially because the young woman is Caucasian, as is her sperm donor. The baby she birthed is African-American. Thus, the clinic negligently put another couple's fertilized egg in her. In spite of this, the young mother decided to keep and raise the baby with whom she had no biological connection. The child was not a child of her and her sperm donor. However, she loved the child, and intended to raise him as her own. However, after she informed the clinic that their staff had implanted the wrong human embryo, the clinic notified the true biological parents, who sued the young mother and got their child back. The young birth mother has now sued the clinic for breach of contract and emotional distress. This IVF process is a nightmare for the young mother and for the biological parents who did not know their child had been implanted in another woman. Moreover, the clinic does not know what happened to the young mother's human embryos. Were they destroyed? Were they implanted in another woman? Were they ever born? All of this will eventually come out in court, but it is another warning sign of what happens when we treat human embryos as property and ignore their civil rights as fellow human beings.

To see a copy of the lawsuit, click or insert this link in your internet browser:  
<https://www.courthousenews.com/georgia-woman-sues-ivf-clinic-after-giving-birth-to-wrong-child>

That's all for now. Thanks for reading to the end! Stay informed and educated on the Life issues. Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. will help you do just that.

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.dcrtl.org/scholarships](http://www.dcrtl.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.

# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



## *In Honor of:*

Dr. Jack Dolehide (*retirement*).....Dr. Virgil & Marian Bourek,  
 .....Jackie Crimmins, Rosean Schronmen & John Weber  
 Louis Pfeiler (*90th birthday*).....Lyal & Melita Pfeiler

## *In Memory of:*

Dave Brokus.....Jim & Kathy Conlon  
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 Dave Hunt.....Thomas & Diane Schmitt  
 Lois Kern.....Neil & Linda Hoeger  
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*When a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque, displayed in our office. Simply send us, along with your gift, the name of the person you are honoring and the name and address of the family to whom you'd like the acknowledgement sent. We'll be happy to send a card.*



**Thank  
you**



- to Laura Dolehide for helping in the office!
- to our members who travel down to Iowa City on Thursdays to pray outside the Emma Goldman Abortion Center!
- to Mary Hoelscher for donating boxes of kleenex from our wish list!



## WISH LIST

- Heavy Duty 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Stamps



## AMBASSADORS FOR LIFE

*Two upcoming events  
- all teens are invited!*

*Ambassadors for Life meeting with virtual presentation and discussion  
by Emily Geiger from Equal Rights Institute*

**When: March 12th, 2025 - 6:15pm**

**Where: DCRTL Office**

**Who: All high school teens are invited!**

**Why:** When a Christian woman gets pregnant outside of marriage, she often faces much more serious social consequences than an atheist woman does. She's not only terrified of how this will affect her life and what will happen if her parents find out, but she's also probably worried about what will happen if her pastor, priest, school, or friends find out. Only 38% of post-abortive Christian women think that churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options. And high school students have unplanned pregnancies too; about 78,316 abortions per year are had by adolescents under 19 years old. Being a teenager with an unplanned pregnancy is obviously a big, scary thing, and add on to that if you're in a Christian environment where you think you'll be judged and gossiped about and, at worst, kicked out of your youth group? No one wants to have an abortion; these Christian teens often feel like they have no other choice. That's why it is crucial that your school or your church makes it publically clear that if someone gets pregnant, we're going to love and help that student. Emily Geiger is joining us to discuss practical ways to make your church and school into that life-affirming community!

**If you are in high school and would like to join the Ambassadors for Life for this event, please RSVP to Augustine Payne via email at [apayne@dctrl.org](mailto:apayne@dctrl.org) by Monday, March 10, 2025. Pizza will be provided.**

*Movie Night and Chick-Fil-A - for all high school teens*

**GOSNELL - The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer - Rated PG-13**

**When: Saturday, March 29th, 2025 - 6:00pm Dinner - 6:30pm Movie begins**

**Where: DCRTL Office Conference room**

**Who: All high school teens are invited to join!**

**Why:** GOSNELL - The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer - This is a well-produced film that shows the shocking true story of the investigation and trial of abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell. This film highlights all of the harmful acts he committed over three decades, as well as the political and media establishment that tried to cover it up. Originally investigated for illegal prescription drug sales, a raid by DEA, FBI & local law enforcement revealed crimes they could not have expected within the clinic.

Based on the NY Times Bestseller — Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer written by producers Ann McElhinney and Phelim McAleer. The book became especially controversial when The New York Times initially refused to feature it on its bestsellers list despite sales figures that revealed it should be on the list. The New York Times admitted they adjust the list as an "editorial decision".

**RSVP by Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 by emailing Augustine Payne at [apayne@dctrl.org](mailto:apayne@dctrl.org)**

Thank you to everyone who made Trivia Night a blast!! To all the teams who participated, St. Columbkille Parish for hosting, the Knights of Columbus and their families for providing a wonderful meal, Dcn. Dave and Karen Roth for creating the trivia rounds and leading the evening, Chick-Fil-A for adding a bonus of meal cards for our first place winners, our Ambassadors, and Judy Tigges who helped the evening run smoothly—you all made it a wonderful evening! We are grateful for your support and involvement!!



*Congratulations to our first place winners!  
Gift cards and meal cards to Chick-Fil-A*



*A few of our Ambassadors helped the evening run smoothly! L to R - Hailey Kruse, Addi Hogan, & Maria McGrane*



*Second place winners: gift cards to Jumbl Coffee*



*Our MC for the evening:  
Deacon Dave Roth*



*Bringing up the rear in last place - they won a trivia game to take home to practice in the next year*



*A fun time was had by all!*

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names will be added every 6 months. **The next deadline to have a child added to the Memorial is March 15th.**



Love them  
**BOTH!**

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