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IOWA STATE MARCH FOR LIFE



The annual Iowa State March for Life will occur on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in Des Moines, IA at the Iowa State Capitol. Participating in the March is a great way for us to show our support of the pre-born, while also demonstrating to our legislatures that the protection of the pre-born as well as aid for mothers in need are issues we take seriously.

DCRTL will be attending the Iowa State March for Life in support of this great cause, and we invite you to join us! This year, we will be carpooling. If you are interested in carpooling, please RSVP no later than Monday, June 9 so we have an idea of who will be in attendance.

To RSVP, please contact our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org. The event begins at 12pm, with educational booths and music at the Iowa State Capitol Rotunda, followed by the Rally at 1pm, and the March for Life at 1:45pm.

Note: If you would like to meet us at the Capitol rather than carpooling, we would love for you to join us!



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June 2025

Monday, June 9	• Deadline to RSVP for the Iowa State March for Life
Friday, June 13	• Deadline to register for Generations for Life Summer Camp
Sunday, June 15	• Happy Father's Day!
Thursday, June 19	• Board of Directors meeting
Saturday, June 21	• Iowa State March for Life - Des Moines, IA
Thursday, June 26	• Holy Hour for Respect Life - 7pm St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta.
Friday, June 27	• Deadline for final pledges and payments to be mailed to Birdies for Charity

July 2025

Wednesday - Sunday, July 2 - 6	• John Deere Classic Tournament Week
Friday, July 4	• Happy Independence Day! <i>DCRTL offices closed</i>
Tuesday - Saturday, July 8 - 12	• Generations for Life Summer Camp - Bean Farm
Tuesday - Sunday, July 22 - 27	• Dubuque County Fair booth
Thursday, July 24	• Holy Hour for Respect Life - 7pm St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta
Thursday, July 31	• Board of Directors meeting

Praying outside of the abortion facility

Every Thursday morning, Arthur Gilloon and other DCRTL 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 Friends,

It was so great to see so many of you at our Annual LIFE Dinner!! Thank you all so much for your support! The LIFE Dinner supports so much of what we do throughout the year, and we greatly appreciate your support.

Special Thanks to Travis Kirby

On a note of thanks, I would also like to extend a special thank you to Travis Kirby of Kirby Realty for choosing to benefit DCRTL at this year's Dubuque Dances with the Stars!! We greatly appreciate you standing (and dancing!) for the pro-life cause!! Some of our members and I enjoyed watching you take the stage, and we thank you again for your courage in defending life.

This Summer

Summer is upon us, and we will have a very active July. If you know someone who is in high school and would be interested in our summer camp (a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, friend), invite and encourage them to register. There are just a couple of weeks left for registration. This year's camp will be five days of learning, making new friends, and bringing the pro-life message to our community. I'm super excited about it and look forward to the great group who will be joining us!

I hope you have a great start to your summer!

For Life,
Augustine



Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.
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- To Laura Dolehide for helping in the office and helping us organize our biggest event of the year—our LIFE Dinner!
- To our members who travel down to Iowa City on Thursdays to pray outside the Emma Goldman Abortion Center!
- To Joel Glennon for donating postage stamps!
- To Al Schroeder from Big River Network for helping out DCRTL with setting up a new computer in the office!
- To all our sponsors and underwriters who made the LIFE Dinner possible, to all those who helped with the LIFE dinner to make the event a success, and to all those who attended in support of DCRTL!



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE, COURT, AND OTHER LEGAL NEWS

by Arthur F. Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear Friends for Life-

IOWA NEWS

Good news in Iowa! Two great pro-life laws were passed by the Iowa Legislature. These are Senate Files 175 and 288. As I write this column, they are headed to the Governor for her signature!

Senate File 175 requires that all Iowa students in grades 5-12th be shown:

“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.”

This is a tremendous law that I wrote about in March’s DCRTL Newsletter. Iowa students need to know the facts of human prenatal development and it is appropriate that we mandate the truth be shown to them via a video. One picture/video is worth a thousand words!

The second new law, Senate File 288, was passed to protect pregnant students and new moms in our Iowa colleges, universities, and community colleges. It prohibits schools from discriminating against pregnant students and new moms. State institutions of higher learning must do all they can for their students who are expecting a baby or who have recently given birth, including but not limited to doing the following:

- (1) Taking additional health and safety measures.
- (2) Allowing a student to reschedule tests and assignment due dates that are missed for reasons related to the student’s pregnancy.
- (3) Allowing a student to take a leave of absence, following which, the student must be allowed to return to the student’s program with the same standing as the student left to the extent reasonably possible.
- (4) Excusing absences for reasons deemed medically necessary due to the pregnancy.

In addition, each school must publicize and give notice that these protective policies exist, by:

- Maintaining a written policy for students on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing pregnancy discrimination complaints;
- Providing a copy of the policy to the institution faculty, staff, employees, and students attending orientation at the institution;
- Prominently posting a notice of the protections afforded to pregnant students and students who have recently given birth under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., on the institution’s internet site, and in their medical and student health offices, and to news students during orientation;
- Designating a representative of the school with an official office to make sure the school does all it is now required to do for students expecting a baby and those who recently gave birth.

So, if you know any students currently in college or heading there, make sure they know of this mandatory protection for pregnant students and new moms, as your friend may encounter a classmate who becomes pregnant and is considering abortion. They need to know there is a way to stay in school and that the school must help and protect them along the way.

NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

Indiana— Our pro-life friends in Indiana successfully passed a law like our Senate File 175 (see above) that requires students in grades 4-12 who receive sex education to watch an ultrasound video of human fetal development.

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Indiana Governor Mike Braun signed the bill into law on May 7, 2025. As usual, Republicans pushed the bill forward over Democrat resistance in the Indiana Legislature.

Texas— The Texas Senate has passed a bill (SB 2880) to allow its citizens to sue any person or company who manufactures, mails, or peddles abortion pills in Texas, expanding the state's 2021 heartbeat law. Under the current Texas Heartbeat Act, abortions cannot be committed after a preborn child's heartbeat is detected. SB 2880 would add to that current law and enact more protection from the abortion death doctors. Unfortunately, the bill now needs to be passed in the same form by the Texas House of Representatives, where it is stuck in committee.

Minnesota— The pro-life attorneys at the Thomas More Society in Chicago recently wrapped up their defense of sidewalk counselors in Minneapolis who were barred from approaching women at abortion clinics with offers of help. The City amended its ordinance to allow the pro-lifers to do their work and also agreed to pay \$450,000.00 in attorneys' fees!!

A 2022 Minneapolis city ordinance restricted the free speech rights of pro-life sidewalk counselors by prohibiting their peaceful outreach efforts outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. Pro-Life Action Ministries, with the support of the Thomas More Society, filed a lawsuit in 2023, arguing that the law violated their constitutional rights to free speech and freedom of religion. After nearly two years of hard-fought litigation, in December 2024, Thomas More Society attorneys won the case. The Minneapolis City Council, which had passed the pro-abortion ordinance two years earlier, conceded victory to the pro-lifers. The City Council then amended its ordinance to allow the pro-lifers to do their much-needed sidewalk counseling, and also agreed to cover attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Thomas More Society because they were forced to sue. After more documents were submitted to the Court showing how much time and money the pro-lifers had to spend challenging the City's unconstitutional ordinance, the Court awarded \$450,000.00 from the City to the Thomas More Society.

You can see the City Council's motion and authorization of the payment here: https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/MetaData/38496/2025A-0217_Id_38496.pdf

This is a really important case, and can be used as a guide to protecting pro-life sidewalk counselors all over the country, including Iowa.

NATIONAL NEWS

A new study from the Ethics and Public Policy Center published on April 28, 2025, has found that serious adverse effects from abortion pills are approximately 22 times more frequent than previously recognized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). 1 in 10 women who undergo a mifepristone abortion experience serious adverse effects within 45 days—far higher than the rate reported in clinical trials on the drug label. You can read the study here: <https://eppc.org/publication/stop-harming-women/>

A lawsuit directly related to this news pending in Texas is attempting to hold the FDA accountable for its mishandling of the approval process for abortion pills. I wrote about this at length in the April DCRTL Newsletter, but the essence of it is that Missouri, Kansas, and Idaho filed a Texas lawsuit to expose the FDA's approval process for abortion pills, arguing that the FDA's slipshod methodology has led to great harm to women and of course to their pre-born children. Women have experienced hemorrhaging, infection, and even death from these pills, and the new study described above confirms that the true extent of this carnage has not been reported to the American people. That lawsuit is pending in Texas Federal Court.



Second Annual GENERATIONS FOR LIFE SUMMER CAMP!

Our second annual Generations for Life Summer Camp is fast approaching, and so is the deadline to sign up! The camp is July 8th - 12th, and we invite all highschoolers, ages 14-18 (rising freshman in highschool to rising freshman in college) to attend our summer camp in which students will become more equipped to protect the pre-born through learning opportunities and activism while also enjoying fellowship, prayer, games, and times for reflection and relaxation.

The final deadline to register is Friday, June 13th.

Though the price has increased due to extending the length and programming of our camp, we can still offer discounted prices due to our generous donors. Cost is \$150 per person. Scholarships are available if cost is a hindrance. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please call our office at 563-556-5960, and we will provide you with more details. Keep your eyes open for more details concerning this year's speakers! And don't forget to invite a friend (or two)! The QR code to sign-up is on the left.

Students who attended last year's summer camp say they not only bonded with their peers on a deeper level, but they also learned how to defend pre-born babies and have productive dialogue with others concerning abortion. One student noted they gained skills to "properly talk to people about abortion and more about how to help take care of women and be proactive." Students who attend this year's camp can expect that and so much more with the extended camp! This camp is an excellent opportunity for high school students to be transformed and engage the community as pro-life advocates.



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Unfortunately, on May 5, 2025, the Trump administration moved in the Texas Court to dismiss the lawsuit, but not because of its merits. In other words, the Trump Department of Justice (DOJ) says the three states can sue, just not in Texas, because they have no connection to Texas and they waited too long to sue. The Trump lawyers did not say the FDA's process was ok, they just said that this matter is not appropriately filed by these three states in a Texas court. Some legal experts suggest that the Trump DOJ is taking this position because if they argue otherwise, their logic would apply to pending lawsuits filed against Trump regarding other policies covering the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and immigration/deportation matters.

It remains to be seen how this will play out in the Texas Court, and DCRTL will be updating you on this as time goes on.

Thanks for reading this column. Stay informed and educated on the Life issues. Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. will help you do just that.

Arthur F. Gilloon



DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - TUESDAY, JULY 22 - SUNDAY, JULY 27



DCRTL is excited to announce that we will again host an educational booth at the Dubuque County Fair this summer! We are so eager to promote LIFE at our booth to thousands of people! From Tuesday, July 22 to Sunday, July 27, we will be handing out 12-week old fetal models, educational pens, candy, magnets, brochures, newsletters, and more! Our booth features our fetal model display, educating fair-goers on life in the womb, as well as our large Abortion Timeline banner that describes the gruesome abortion procedures alongside the timeline of the stages of fetal development. The display is both educational and eye-opening!



We will also have a second booth for our dialogue table! Fair-goers will have the opportunity to vote on "Should abortion remain legal?" while also engaging in conversation with DCRTL volunteers who have taken the Equipped for Life course.

We invite you to volunteer for a shift (4 hours) at either of our booths during the fair. We will provide you with a fair ticket so you can volunteer and then enjoy the fair! If you are interested in signing up, please contact our office at 563-556-5960, or dcrtl@dcrtl.org.

ANNUAL JOHN DEERE CLASSIC "BIRDIES FOR CHARITY"

Dubuque County Right to Life is participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity fundraising program. Please consider sending in a pledge card to support the Pro-Life Cause! See below for directions. When you send in your pledge, DCRTL will receive 100% of the funds raised, PLUS an additional 5-10% bonus match! The deadline for pledges and guesses for the number of birdies to be sent to Birdies for Charity is June 27th, and the deadline for final pledges is July 4th. Send pledges to their office (15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, IL 61244). For more information about the program itself, please visit <https://birdiesforcharity.com/about>.

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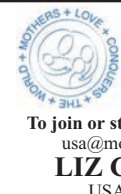
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