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Tom Brejcha

DCRTL's 27th annual LIFE Dinner is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for:

Friday, April 26, 2019

Our special guests are **Tom Brejcha**, founder, President & Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society, and **Martin Cannon**, Thomas More Society Senior Counsel.



Martin Cannon

These gentlemen are defending some of the most important pro-life cases in our country, and are actively supporting some of the most important pro-life legislative bills as well! These include but are not limited to:

- They are representing undercover journalist, David Daleiden, against the attacks of Planned Parenthood.
- Active in supporting Iowa's Heartbeat Bill:
 - While in debate, house leaders called the Thomas More Society to see if they would defend the bill in court if it got challenged. Their commitment helped to secure the passage of the bill. As we know, Planned Parenthood sued – the Thomas More Society is now defending the bill, and very well must we add!
- Active in getting the Iowa *20-Week Abortion Ban* bill through!
- They defended pro-life sidewalk advocates who have been sued for trying to save lives:
 - New York pro-abortion Attorney General filed a lawsuit against a group of pro-life advocates to get them excluded from the sidewalks outside of their local abortion facility. The Thomas More Society prepared for 1.5 years to defend the case, fought a hard 4 weeks in court, and WON. If the Attorney General prevailed it could have affected sidewalk counseling nationwide. This is a huge deal!
- Not only have they been around the country defending life, but they also showed up right here in Dubuque to help respond when Planned Parenthood carelessly left behind thousands of patient records as they hurriedly left Dubuque.

The Thomas More Society is a not-for-profit, national public interest law firm dedicated to restoring respect in law for **life, family, and religious liberty**. Based in Chicago, the Thomas More Society defends and fosters support for these causes by providing high quality *pro bono* legal services from local trial courts all the way to the United States Supreme Court. They are also one of the founding members of the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders which has become a force in the Iowa state house.

Please join us at the LIFE dinner to get fired up! Learn how to capitalize on our victory now that Planned Parenthood is gone from Dubuque. Planned Parenthood's departure from Dubuque is a victory for life, but the educational battle we face at DCRTL is never ending.

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Saturday, 2 nd	Midwest March for Life , Jefferson City, M.O.
Tuesday, 5 th	Gosnell Movie being released on DVD
Thursday, 7 th	Membership Event – March for Life Recap & Pizza Party, DCRTL Office, 7pm
Thursday, 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Board of Director’s Meeting ◦ Newsletter Labeling Hour, DCRTL, 9am
March	
Thursday, 7 th	Membership Event – Pro-Life Bingo! Denny’s Lux Club (3050 Asbury Rd.), 7pm
Thursday, 21 st	Board of Director’s Meeting
Friday, 22 nd	Unplanned Movie being released in theaters
Friday, 29 th	High School Scholarship Application Deadline

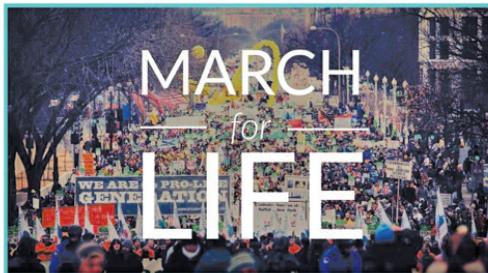
On Our Wish List:

- * Scholarship entries from high school seniors
- * Bottled water

February Membership Event! March for Life Recap & Pizza Party

**Thursday, February 7, 2019
7:00 PM**

DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)



Contemplating attending the March for Life with us next year? This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the trip! Please join us for our monthly membership event to hear all about the exciting adventure of the annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington DC, from the students and others who attended. We will have lots of pictures and stories to share with you.

See you there!

A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



We have many moments in our lives that we deeply cherish and will forever hold close to our hearts, that on the anniversary of we celebrate these special occasions. One of these times for me is February 5, 2018, the first day I was honored to be your Executive Director. It's hard to fathom how quickly time has passed this last year at the office, the events we've hosted, the hearts we've touched, and the connections we've made. I'm extremely grateful that I get to do what I love – every single day. It's very rewarding, to say the least. In these moments of reflection I'm extra thankful for YOU – because without your support, commitment, and belief in our organization, I wouldn't have the best job in the whole wide world.

Now, I came across an uplifting article the other day that revealed that the number of abortion clinics in America continued to decline in 2018, following a trend that has seen an overall decrease of 159 abortion facilities

since 2012. Overall, in 2018, 40 abortion facilities closed or no longer qualify as abortion clinics. Today, there are a total of 697 abortion centers left in America – seven fewer than there were at the end of 2017. That total includes 467 facilities that conduct surgical abortions – down dramatically from the high-water mark of 2,176 surgical facilities documented in 1991. This represents a massive 79 percent decrease in the number of surgical abortion facilities over the past 27 years.

What does this mean? You guessed it – closed clinics mean fewer abortions. When abortion clinics close, lives are saved. And I expect to continue to see this trend over the next many years, because the evidence, science, and education in support of life is becoming more and more prevalent. We all have a hand in the numbers of lives saved from abortion. Keep up the great work, pro-life warriors!

Yours in the service of LIFE,

Ash

Thank you to all who joined us in the cold January weather to proclaim that all life is precious. Your great support is a pro-life witness to the Dubuque area!



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

What's the Concern About Funding Girl Scout Councils and GSUSA?

- Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA) and local councils encouraged and celebrated girl members' participation in the 2017 and 2018 pro-abortion Women's March.
- Girl Scouts' G.I.R.L. 2017, mega event, "the largest global gathering of girls and influencers," featured prominent abortion rights supporters Chelsea Clinton and Barbara Pierce Bush.
- Girls Scouts' curriculum for girls, sold and promoted by every local Girl Scout council, recommends pro-abortion role models/organizations such as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Geraldine Ferraro, Hillary Clinton, Amnesty Intl., Population Council, ACLU, and National Organization For Women.
- GSUSA and local Girl Scout councils' on-line content honors and promotes pro-abortion politicians (Hillary Clinton), activists (Margaret Sanger), celebrities (Emma Watson), and media sites (Teen Vogue).
- GSUSA confirms that its local councils and troops may collaborate with Planned Parenthood.
- GSUSA is the largest member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), providing 2.6 million of its 10 million girl and adult members worldwide and paying approximately 1.5 million dollars annually to WAGGGS based on the number of registered GSUSA members.
- WAGGGS, which states that "anyone who is a Girl Guide or Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts," aggressively promotes youth reproductive/abortion and sexual rights, specifically on behalf of its 10 million members.
- GSUSA maintains memberships in abortion rights advocacy groups, including the Coalition for Adolescent Girls. Other organizations working alongside GSUSA in these groups include abortion providers International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International, and numerous organizations that push for unrestricted abortion rights.

Pro-life and Religious Organizations Expressing Concern:

- Pro-life groups communicating concerns include National Right to Life, Missouri Right to Life, Oregon Right to Life, Pro-life Waco, and others.
- Catholic dioceses have published concerns to inform families: Archdiocese of Kansas City, Archdiocese of St. Louis, Diocese of Colorado Springs, and Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Where Does the Cookie Money Go?

- A girl's troop keeps an average of just 10 to 20 percent of the money she collects from selling cookies.
- The local council receives an average of 65 to 75 percent of the money collected by all local troops.
- GSUSA collects a royalty payment based upon its licensed trademark on every box of cookies produced. With approximately 200 million boxes of cookies sold annually, this amounts to millions of dollars of funding for GSUSA every year.

Now that I know...
no thank you.

For documentation of this information and additional pro-life concerns about the Girl Scout organization, visit: MyGirlScoutCouncil.com

1st Place March for Life Essay

In January's newsletter we announced the March for Life Essay/Poem/Poster Winners. The overall 1st place essay winner was Calvin Federspiel, from Cascade Junior High School, and we want to share his wonderful essay with you all:

Life is Family

By Calvin Federspiel

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary family is defined as "the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children." It also defines it as "a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation: fellowship." I have a mom and a dad as a traditional family just like most other kids. Family, is my parents, but also it is my church, my friends, and my community; we love and accept each other, pray for one another, tell the truth to one another, forgive each other, and serve one another.

My parents are the core of my family. Together we show that family makes everything possible. We spread our love for life by participating in church services and church functions. My family and I have worked on raising money to spread the word about the joy of life. We have participated in Happy Joes family night, which supports both the local community and the March for Lifers. My parents show how working together as a family improves all parts of life.

Family extends past my parents and into the community. One thing we do as a community family is work to educate others at the county fair to spread the pro-life message. Even those who didn't fully agree with our views stopped and listened to what we had to say. With every

person that stopped by our booth we showed them the process of life. We tried to reinforce that life starts at conception and every life matters. The community is part of my family and we work together to pass around the message that all life is special.

Church brings together my overall view of family from my parents to my community. One thing we do as a church family is deliver Christmas baskets to the homebound, sick, and shut-ins. This is one example of how my family and I respect all different forms of life. Another reminder that life is precious that we do at our church is offer Life Savers before and after church on a Saturday evening in October. We also have a pro-life speaker come to the church and educate us even further. As a sign of our unity we put up crosses in front of the church to represent the lost lives of the unborn. The church is part of my family because we work for the same overall goal.

Parents, community, and church are the key aspects to a happy family. My parents work with me to help build the beginning structure of the activities of the community and church. The community works to educate others that don't understand the significance of pro-life. Church brings all parts of the family together to help and educate everyone. Life is family, we all deserve the chance to have a family which is why the pro-life fight brings so many people together.

Scholarship — Opportunities



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS — THE DEADLINE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

Dubuque County Right to Life awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college. A written speech, log of service hours, and a recommendation letter are required. Please go to www.dcrtl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. Deadline is Friday, March 29, 2019. Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 20, 2019. Contact Ashley Stackis for more information at 563.556.5960.

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Special Thanks

- Thank you Leon & Joan Metz for your donation of stamps!
- Thank you Joan Schiltz for the Malley's chocolates! They were delicious!
- Thank you to all who returned the volunteer form from the January newsletter! We are very excited and grateful for your dedication to the pro-life mission!
- A huge thank you to those who helped with the Walk for Life, giving your time, talent, and donations – Ron Herrig, Tom McCaffery, the Knights of Columbus, the American Heritage Girls, Steve Fuerst, Fr. Andrew Marr, Ellen Markham, Art Gilloon, Renee Downs, and Bryce Michael Music.
- Thank you so much to the wonderfully fearless group of leaders who have donated countless hours (actually days) and treasure towards the March for Life pilgrimage to Washington DC. You make such a meaningful impact on the lives of the students in your groups. THANK YOU to Katie McGuire, Lynn Hammerand, Emmy Thomason, Anna Durr, Anita Sullivan, Andrea Kirby, Fr. Paul Lippstock, Mary Beth Anzivino-Barnes, and Katie Koetz. This pilgrimage wouldn't be possible without you!

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- Joe Koch, given by Ted & Jo Ann Deacon, Rev. Dr. Kristian & Jennifer Kincaid, Jerry & Jeanine Koch, Gary & Linda Kopps, Roger & Darlene Osterhaus, and Vince & Marge Schuster
- Kevin McDonough, given by Teresa Koch
- Stephen O'Brien, given by Bill & Mary Mormann
- Jeanette Schreiber, given by Robert Schreiber
- Ron Theobald, given by Douglas & Janet Fern
- Jeraldine Vernon, given by Bill & Mary Mormann
- Louis Weber, given by Roger & Darlene Osterhaus

In Honor Of:

- Jack Mescher for Christmas, given by Dick & Jean Mescher
- Jean Mescher's Birthday, given by Lynn Frank
- Madonna Portz for Christmas, given by Kevin & Joan Hedrick and John & Lisa Portz
- Ashley Stackis' Birthday, given by Laura Dolehide, Trina Hingtgen, Nate & Clairra Kapraun, Peggy Leibfried, Barbara Stevenson, Andrew Wachtel, and Marissa Wachtel
- Bob Wilhelm's Birthday, given by Bill & Liz Rediger

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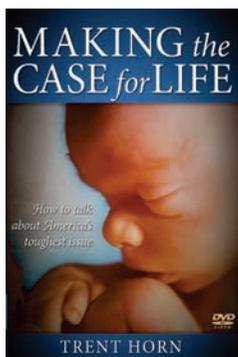


A Quotable Quote

"We must continue to defend the pro-life movement, family values, and Christian churches and organizations against false charges and vicious persecution."

- Tom Brejcha, Thomas More Society's founder, President and Chief Counsel

FROM OUR LIBRARY...



Making the Case for Life

No matter how hard you try, talking with your friends and family about abortion too often winds up at one extreme or the other – either tempers and emotions get out of hand or to keep the peace you agree to disagree and move on to another subject. Neither approach serves the pro-life cause, says Trent Horn. In his new DVD, *Making the Case for Life*, he shows you how to avoid those extremes, presenting a roadmap for talking about abortion that *really* gets people engaged on the gravest moral question of our age.

Using field-tested techniques honed through thousands of encounters in college pro-life ministry, Trent shares practical tips for persuading others to recognize the unborn's fundamental right to life, including:

- Using scientific and philosophical facts (when they expect you just to quote the Bible)
- Employing empathy to break down defenses and defuse hostility
- Dealing with “hard cases” and other common pro-choice claims
- Three foolproof approaches that will make even the most hardened pro-choicer listen to what you have to say

...plus bonus real-world footage of Trent putting his techniques into practice!

Above all, *Making the Case for Life* will teach you not simply to win fruitless arguments but to leave other people receptive – perhaps for the first time – to the truth about abortion.

Trent Horn is an apologist for Catholic Answers and previously served as the Respect Life coordinator for the Diocese of Phoenix. He holds an M.A. in theology and specializes in training Catholics to defend the pro-life worldview.



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February Boycott List

Life Decisions International publishes a Boycott List every year listing the different corporations who directly support Planned Parenthood. If you are interested in the full list please contact our office, and if you would like to receive our weekly Boycott List emails, please contact Erica at reception@dcrtl.org. **Because of pro-lifers across the country participating in sending letters to corporations on the boycott list, at least 345 of them have ceased funding Planned Parenthood, which has cost the deadly behemoth tens of millions of dollars. Now that is something of which you can be proud!** Please consider sending a letter to the following corporations who directly support Planned Parenthood:

- **Wells Fargo – education** (collections/museums), **financial** (banking, Cornerstone Credit Services, credit cards, investing/planning, loans), **insurance**
- **Marriott – lodging** (hotels/resorts: AC, Aloft, Autograph Collection, Bulgari, Courtyard, Delta, Design, Edition, Element, ExecuStay, Fairfield, Four Points, Gaylord, Le Meridien, Luxury Collection, Moxy, Protea, Sheraton, Renaissance, Residence, The Ritz-Carlton, SpringHill Suites, St. Regis, TownePlace Suites, Tribute, W, Westin)
- **Starbucks – beverages** (nonalcoholic: coffee [Seattle’s Best], iced/frozen, juices, teas [Tazo], Teavana products, water [Ethos]) **entertainment** (CD/music: Hear Music), **foods** (baked goods, Evolution Fresh products, salads, sandwiches, snacks, soups), **retail outlets** (Teavana)
- **Nike – apparel** (accessories/clothing: Swoosh), **footwear** (Air Jordan, HyperVenom, Jordan, Kobe), **leisure/travel** (luggage: backpacks, tote bags), **recreation/sports** (clothing/equipment: Jordan), **retail outlets**

The Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2018? Abortion.

More human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2018, a new report indicates. A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by *Worldometers* indicate that there were nearly 42 million abortions world-wide in 2018. The independent site collects data from governments and other reputable organizations and then reports the data, along with estimates and projections, based on those numbers. *Breitbart* contrasted the abortion numbers to other causes of death, and found that abortions far outnumbered every other cause including cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol, and traffic accidents *combined*.

Here’s more from the report: As of December 31, 2018, there have been some 41.9 million abortions performed in the course of the year, *Worldometers* revealed. By contrast, 8.2 million people died from cancer in 2018, 5 million from smoking, and 1.7 million died of HIV/AIDS.... It also records the total number of abortions in the world, based on the latest statistics on abortions published by the *World Health Organization* (WHO). Globally, just under a quarter of all pregnancies (23 percent) were ended by abortion in 2018, and for every 33 live births, ten infants were aborted.

Worldometers estimates about 59 million deaths world-wide in 2018, but that number does not include unborn babies’ abortion deaths. Unborn babies are not recognized as human beings even though biology indicates that they are unique, living human beings from the moment of conception.

The abortion number is incomprehensible, but each of those 42 million abortions represents a living human being whose life was violently destroyed in their mother’s womb. Each unborn baby already had their own unique DNA, making them distinct from their mother. That DNA indicated if the child was a boy or girl, their eye and hair color, their height, possible genetic disorders and other disabilities, and much more. In most cases, the unborn babies’ hearts are beating when they are aborted, too.

In America, just under 1 million babies are aborted every year. Though abortion rates have been dropping in the past decade, abortion remains the leading cause of death in the United States as well. An estimated 60 million unborn babies have been killed in abortions in the U.S. since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2018/12/31/abortion-was-the-leading-cause-of-death-worldwide-in-2018-killing-42-million-people/>

New Mexico Assisted Suicide Bill is the Most Extreme Bill

By Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



House Bill 90 was introduced in New Mexico by Deborah Armstrong to legalize assisted suicide. The bill is referred to as The Elizabeth Whitefield End of Life Options Act. **HB 90 is the most extreme assisted suicide bill that I have seen.** The bill allows assisted suicide for psychiatric conditions, to be done to someone with an undefined "terminal prognosis," to be done by nurses and physician assistants, and it even allows it to be approved via telemedicine.

The language of the legislation determines the parameters of the law. HB 90 is wider than any previous assisted suicide bill. HB 90 lacks clarity which has led to several interpretations of the bill.

I interpret the bill in this manner:

1. The bill **allows nurses and physician assistants to participate in assisted suicide** by defining "health care provider" to include: a licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed nurse, and a licensed physician assistant.
2. The bill **does not require the person to "self-administer."** The bill states "may self-administer" meaning that euthanasia is possible.
3. The bill **allows people with mental disorders to die by assisted suicide.** The bill enables a licensed psychiatrist, master social worker, psychiatric nurse practitioner or professional clinical mental health counselor to approve assisted suicide for people with mental health disorders.
4. **The bill does not require a second assessor** unless the person has a mental health disorder or intellectual disability.
5. **The most concerning part of HB 90 does not have a residency requirement and it allows assisted suicide to be approved via telemedicine. Therefore, if legalized, Bill HB 90 will allow suicide tourism and legalize assisted suicide in all 50 US States.**
6. The bill replaces **the normal 6 month terminal diagnosis with the undefined term: "foreseeable future."** What does it mean that a terminal illness may cause death in the foreseeable future?
7. The bill **reduces the waiting period to 48 hours to receive the lethal drugs.**
8. The bill requires **health care providers to falsify the death certificate.**
9. The bill provides **legal protection for anyone who participates in the act.**
10. **The bill removes conscience rights for health care providers** who object to assisted suicide by requiring them to refer patients to a health care provider who is willing to prescribe assisted suicide.
11. The bill bases decisions on a **"good faith compliance."** It is impossible to prove that someone who participated in the act did not do so in "good faith."

Section 4 of the bill enables people with mental health disorders and intellectual disabilities to die by assisted suicide. The bill requires people with a mental health disorder or intellectual disability to be evaluated by one of the persons listed above (#3). The bill enables a mental health counselor to approve assisted suicide after one visit or after an assessment by "telemedicine."

Finally, this bill reduces the reporting procedure to require health care providers to self-report only the most basic data such as: age, race, sex, whether the person was enrolled in hospice, the underlying medical conditions, and the date of death. It would be impossible to determine if abuse of the law occurs.

Michelle Lujan Grisham, the recently elected Governor of New Mexico, stated during the election that she supports the legalization of assisted suicide. New Mexico has been debating assisted suicide for many years. During the previous legislative session the New Mexico Senate thankfully defeated the assisted suicide bill by a vote of 22 to 20.

New Mexico assisted suicide House Bill 90 is designed to kill. Assisted suicide is always dangerous and should never be legal because it enables one person to be involved with causing the death of another person with lethal drugs. Let's not be innocent, legalizing assisted suicide leads to the further degradation of people with disabilities and other people who are medically vulnerable while creating new paths for elder abuse and the perfect legal defense for deaths not considered by the assisted suicide debate.



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