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A P R I L

Due to the Coronavirus, we have canceled all April events. Please watch for potential cancelations of future events. We will keep you updated through our monthly newsletter, our Facebook page and Happenings Emails. Thank you for your understanding!

March	
Tuesday, 31 st	CANCELED! Volunteer Opportunity: LIFE Dinner Center Piece Creation Day
April	Abortion Recovery Month
Thursday, 2 nd	CANCELED! Membership Event: Meet the Staff of DCRTL
Friday, 3 rd	National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day!
Thursday, 9 th	Lenten Pro-Life Prayer Campaign Ends
Saturday, 11 th	High School Scholarship Speech Presentations Video Submission Deadline
Sunday, 12 th	Happy Easter! 🐰🥚🌸
Thursday, 16 th	Board of Director's Meeting- Phone Conference
Friday, 17 th	CANCELED! Baby Shower for McKenna
Sunday, 19 th	CANCELED! Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts
May	
Friday, 1 st	POSTPONED! DCRTL's LIFE Dinner
Friday, 1 st - Sunday 3 rd	One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies
Sunday, 10 th	Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day Roses available at local churches - TBD
Thursday, 21 st	Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, 25 th	Happy Memorial Day!

Alicia Keys: My Mother Almost Aborted Me, But I'm Glad She Chose Life



Celebrated singer/songwriter Alicia Keys praised her mother recently for choosing life for her when she could have had an abortion. In an interview with CBS News, the 39-year-old discussed her new book, "More Myself: A Journey," and her mother's courage and sacrifices to give her a better life. She said her mother, Terry Augello, was single and working as a paralegal when she became pregnant. Struggling, she considered having an abortion.

"Even her mother said to her, 'Terry, you never do anything easy,'" Keys said. "She was making a really big choice. And at the time, I'm sure she didn't even know why she was making that choice exactly. But she knew it. She knew what she needed to do." It was not an easy decision. Keys said she grew up in one of New York City's toughest neighborhoods, Hell's Kitchen, and they struggled financially as a single-parent family. "She raised a girl in the middle of Hell's Kitchen, which looked like it sounds, you know?" Keys told CBS. "Hard, dangerous, difficult, scary." Though she did not always feel grateful growing up, Keys said she now truly appreciates the sacrifices that her mother made for her. "I can't even imagine, as a mother today, me sending my kid off into those streets. But if you had to, I mean, what's she gonna do? She had to go to work, I had to go to school. We had to live. That's how it is," she said. "I am so grateful to her for choosing me. And I really appreciate her." Keys now is a widely-celebrated singer, composer and pianist with 15 Grammy Awards to her name. She also is married and has two children. And it's all because her mother chose life.

L.F.E. Dinner Update

Dear Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Supporters,

We hope that you are all staying safe during this difficult time. With the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to postpone our Annual LIFE Dinner Banquet. We want to ensure that we are doing our part to protect our community so we are following CDC recommendations.

DCRTL is committed to educating our community on the dangers of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, and we will continue to do so regardless of the obstacles we face. We are currently thinking outside of the box and expanding our reach online while our staff are working from home. Please make sure to follow us on our social media pages to keep up-to-date with our efforts.

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The LIFE Dinner Banquet is our main funding source each year to fulfill our important educational mission. It's too early to say if and when it will be rescheduled - it depends largely on how the fight against COVID-19 progresses. Would you be willing to help us financially during this difficult time? We intend to keep fighting for life even with the educational hardships we face due to the constraints the virus has put on us all. We must stick together and not let outside events deter our much needed educational efforts. DCRTL needs your help now more than ever. Please consider mailing a donation to our office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001) or making a donation online at <http://www.dctrl.org>. We appreciate and count on your support. We need you, the youth need you, and the future generations need you. Thank you, so much, in advance. Please stay well and safe.

Sincerely,

Ashley Stackis, McKenna Richard, Tina Hasken and the DCRTL Board of Directors

**24 HOURS**
OF *prayer for life*

DCRTL will be hosting a 24 Hours of Prayer for Life, to pray for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death on Friday, May 1st. Since we are postponing our LIFE Dinner, this is a perfect opportunity for you to pray for our mission and all of the pro-life organizations fighting for life every single day.

Please either sign up online at shorturl.at/nW457, call our office at 563-556-5960, or email dctrl@dctrl.org to sign up for a one hour time slot between 12am - 12am on this special day that you will so graciously dedicate in praying. Thank you!



A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director

Every year DCRTL hosts a 5th grade pro-life poster contest. This gives the students, together with their peers and teachers, a great opportunity to reflect upon the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. I present the contest and the theme in September, then return to each class to present the winners in October, which is Respect Life Month. One class in particular, the students have never heard of the word “abortion” before. What started out as a short presentation regarding the poster, turned into a great and interactive discussion on a big and heavy topic. The students seemed to really soak in the conversation and had great posters. I felt they must have learned something!

I just happened to run in to one of those 5th graders in March, a full 6 months after my initial presentation. He immediately knew who I was and informed me of how others (I assume older students at school) think that abortion isn’t a sin (his body language and annoyance displayed he didn’t appreciate what others think). I smiled, and said, “Thou shall not kill”. He responded, “I know, I said that too!” with appreciation of my affirmation. He went on to explain how others say it’s not killing because it’s not a baby yet, but he assured them it absolutely IS a baby. From my presentation, this young 5th grader knew the TRUTH and stood up for the sanctity of human life. Imagine if he wasn’t equipped with the knowledge before this encounter. Folks, if we don’t teach our youth the truth of the dignity of human life, if we don’t have these tough conversations, they’ll receive a different message elsewhere. I’m so grateful we’re in the schools, these students needs us. They need the truth.

On March 2nd, over 200 pro-life Iowans gathered in the Iowa Capitol to pray and call for the protection of unborn life in Iowa! The **Prayer Rally for Life** brought Iowans from as far as Dubuque (DCRTL!) and Sioux Center together to pray for an end to abortion in Iowa. Pictured is the Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. display where we handed out tons of precious feet and hand pins, pens, newsletters, and bumper magnets. Gov. Kim Reynolds and key legislators (Rep. Steve Holt and Sen. Jake Chapman) spoke about the need to legally protect unborn children in Iowa.

Reynolds encouraged Iowans to keep working to protect unborn babies from abortion because we ARE making a difference. “You are the beating heart of a movement that’s making a

difference not just in this state but across America,” Reynolds said. “For me, like many of you, this isn’t about politics. It’s not about political party or an election. It’s about the kind of society that we want to be: one that recognizes the beauty and humanity of every single child or one that discards it.” She continued, “As the last couple years have shown us, with victories and setbacks, but all of it just underscores how vitally important it is for us to stay engaged, to have faith and to never give up.”

State Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, also spoke about the changing culture and the growing pro-abortion extremism. “The abortion supporters have gone from saying that abortion should be safe and rare to celebrating abortion and dehumanizing infant children and being completely OK with letting a baby die on a cold metal table after a botched abortion,” Holt said. “This is the evil that we are fighting.”

Together, we prayed and called on state lawmakers to pass a constitutional amendment that would make it clear there is no right to abort an unborn baby or force taxpayers to fund their deaths. The amendment would add the following language: the Iowa Constitution “shall not be construed to recognize, grant or secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion.” To be added to the Iowa Constitution, the amendment must pass the state legislature both this year and next year and then be approved by voters on the ballot. It currently is awaiting action in the Iowa House. Please pray for the Iowa Life Amendment.

Yours in the service of LIFE,

Ash



- Your prayers for the mission of Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.
- For people to sign up for an hour during the 24 Hours of Prayer for Life initiative

National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day!

Friday, April 3rd

One day of action to wear your favorite pro-life t-shirt! On Friday, April 3, the whole nation will be wearing pro-life t-shirts! Join the fun! What a great way to speak volumes without saying a word. National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day has been a favorite event for several years as it is an opportunity to make an impact on everyone you see. It may be just the message someone needs. We encourage everyone to make your statement known by wearing a pro-life shirt Friday, April 3. Then, take a picture with your family wearing your pro-life t-shirts and email it to us so we can share it on our social media platforms! What a fun way to spread the pro-life message!

DCRTL recently held a pro-life shirt design contest. We had over 40 submissions and the winner is Adam Wessels, a senior from Beckman Catholic High School! We've ordered 57 shirts with his design on them, short sleeve, long sleeve, and crewneck sweatshirts ranging in size from small- 3XLarge. If you would like one, we encourage you to call (563-556-5960) or email (dctrl@dctrl.org) to secure and hold your order. We will make phone calls to all who ordered or requested a shirt when they are ready to be picked up, and after it's safe to be out and about following the Coronavirus pandemic.

Short Sleeve- \$16

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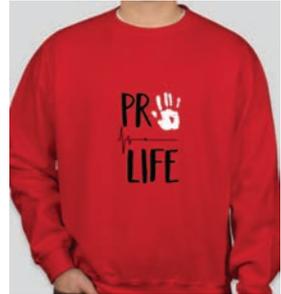
Long Sleeve- \$18

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Crewneck Sweatshirt- \$20

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The design on the back of each short sleeve, long sleeve, and crewneck:



High School Scholarship Speech Presentations

Due to COVID-19, we have requested that all the high school scholarship applicants submit a video of them presenting/reading their scholarship essay to us, rather than hosting the speech presentation day at the DCRTL office. We encourage all of you to watch our social media pages as we will be sharing the videos submitted by the students in a couple of weeks. Enjoy their powerful essays on the topic "A Voice for the Voiceless"!

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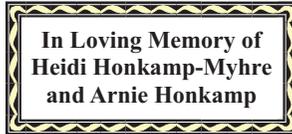


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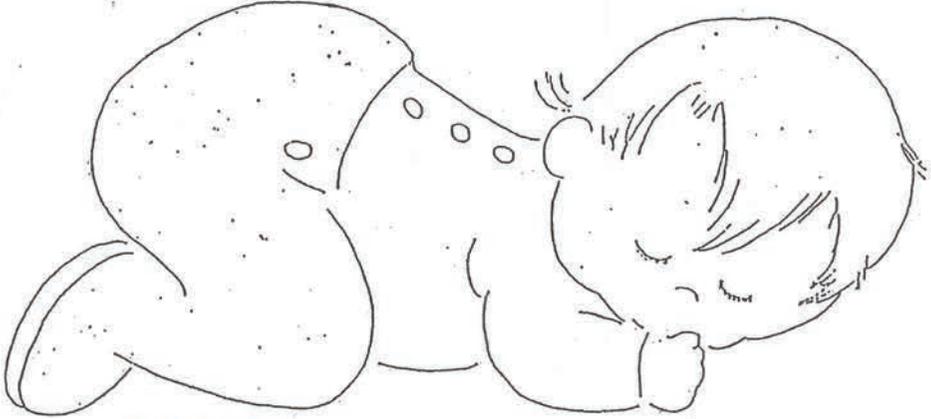
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Below you will find a "Spiritual Adoption Prayer" for your little ones. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption program pledge to pray for 40 weeks, from March 25 - December 25, for the safety of an unborn baby, especially one in danger of abortion. While this child remains unknown to us, God knows him or her. Jesus came to earth not on Christmas Day, but nine months earlier with Mary's miraculous pregnancy. Thus the nine month period of prayer beginning March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, until December 25, Christmas.

To make it fun and easy to understand, we have created coloring pages/prayer sheets for your little ones to color and learn. They can name their baby, color them, and then pray for them every day for 9 months until their spiritually adopted baby is born! They can choose if they would like their baby to be a sweet little boy or girl. It's a fun way to give them something to do during this time, and a way to keep them involved.



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Spiritual Adoption Date: _____
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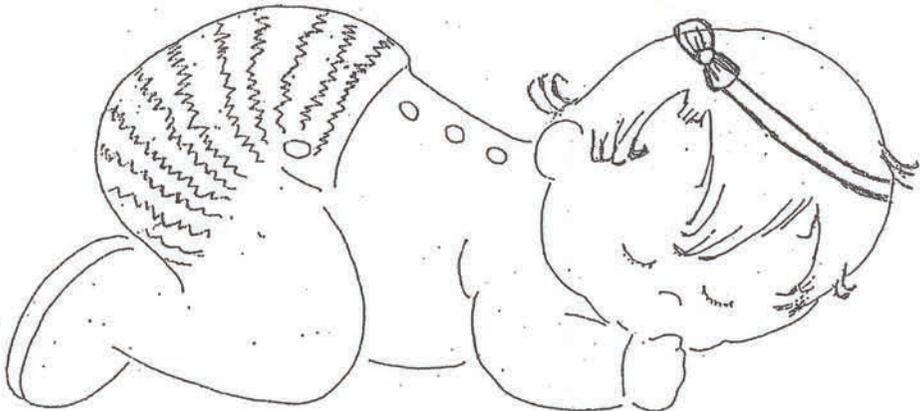
Spiritual Adoption Prayer

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the
unborn child that I have spiritually
adopted who is in danger of abortion.

(Prayer written by Venerable Fulton Sheen)

♥ Please pray daily for your adopted baby ♥



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We are hosting our first Rachel's Vineyard Retreat September 18-20, 2020, to help men and women heal from their abortion or experience with abortion. We've already been planning for almost a year now, how time goes by so quickly! We will have many opportunities for support if you are interested in donating your time and/or talents closer to September. But one item we are reaching out to you now, our wonderful members, to give plenty of time.

Do you crochet? Would you be willing to crochet a prayer shawl? We are in need 15 crocheted prayer shawls for the participants. Maybe you know of a group of ladies who would be willing to help with this important piece of the retreat? If you are able to commit to making a prayer shawl, please email dcrtl@dcrtl.org to let us know. Thank you for your support!

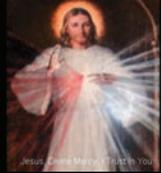


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- They advocate embryonic stem cell research
- Their policy is effectively “pro-choice” toward preborn children deemed “imperfect”

If you would like a copy of the Handbook published by Life Decisions International, which includes information on all Primary Boycott Targets as well as Nonprofits Behaving Badly, feel free to call us at 563-556-5960 to place an order. We would be happy to mail you a *Boycott Handbook* for a small donation of \$10. Thank you!

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Special Thanks

- Thank you Al Schroeder for donating a new monitor to our office and for donating your time to set up the new computer!
- Thank you to all of the wonderful high school students for your pro-life shirt designs! It was such a hard choice to choose our favorite!
- Thank you to those who joined us for the movie showings of *UNPROTECTED: A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos*.
- Thank you to all of the high school seniors who submitted scholarship applications! It's one of the greatest number we've ever received!
- Thank you Mike & Jessica Pennington as well as Steve & Stacy Stackis for the donation of toilet paper for the office.

Spiritual Adoption — development of baby UPDATE

In last month's newsletter we provided you with a prayer card to cut out, to spiritually adopt an unborn baby from March 25 – December 25, which is a nine month period. During the 40 weeks (or 9 months), we will provide updates on the development of the child right here in this section of the monthly newsletter, to educate on your spiritually adopted baby's development.

Week 1 At the moment of conception, a new and unique individual is formed. He or she is smaller than a grain of sugar, but the instructions are present for all that this person will ever become.

Week 2 The new individual attaches to the womb wall. Sensitive pregnancy tests can now show positive, but this depends on the level of hormones produced by the new life.

Week 3 The baby's heart begins to beat! 

Week 4 The baby's neural tube, the building block of the spine, brain and backbone, is already formed.

Week 4 BABY IS AS BIG AS A
POPPYSEED!



IOWA CONSTITUTION life UPDATE AMENDMENT

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, observers at the Iowa Capitol were truly surprised and inspired: Pro-lifers came to the Capitol by the hundreds to pray, to testify, and to cheer on Iowa's pro-life champions at a public hearing for The Protect Life Amendment.

While long-time Capitol observers remember well the days when Planned Parenthood's pink-shirted crowds chanted and drowned out small gatherings of pro-life activists, Tuesday night marked a significant shifting of the tide. The former State Supreme Court chambers, the hallways, the Rotunda, and an overflow room were all crowded this time with a comparable crowd of pro-lifers. Those who have seen the ultrasounds and those who know that infant lives in their mothers' wombs are babies deserving of protection came to cheer on the Protect Life Amendment.

In fact, as the night concluded, House members noticed, the pro-abortion forces ran out of people willing to testify, while the pro-life list still ran over a dozen long of people hoping to speak.

The FAMiLY Leader's camera and communications team was there, covering the action. You can watch the entire night's slate of testimonies here: <https://thefamilyleader.com/watch-protect-life-amendment-public-hearing/>

Since then, as you may have heard, the Iowa Legislature has been suspended for the next 30 days as a precaution over the coronavirus pandemic. Iowa's legislators are understandably concerned for those who work in the confines of the Capitol building, as well as the greater efforts to slow the spread of the disease. Our hearts and prayers are with all those whose health has been jeopardized and whose lives have been disrupted.

This suspension makes the process forward uncertain for many pieces of legislation, including the Protect Life Amendment. How and when these bills will be debated is still being determined. But The Coalition of Pro-Life leaders will remain diligent during the suspension, maintaining communication with our legislative and executive leaders, to ensure the Amendment has the best opportunity to be passed this session. We will also continue to inform you when more is known. In the meantime, we thank you for your support and urge your support and prayers for our elected officials, who carry a heavy burden for the people of Iowa, particularly at this time.



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