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With your generosity, we typically raise around \$10,000 from our Mother's Day Roses fundraiser held at the local churches in and around the Dubuque area. Unfortunately with the given circumstances, we aren't able to assist you in flattering the amazing women in your life with a beautiful rose this year, but we can help you do so another way. Please consider making a donation to DCRTL in honor of, or in memory of, a special woman (or women) in your life. Whether that's your mother, grandmother, a motherly figure, a mom-to-be, or maybe a mom who you know needs a little love during this difficult time. The possibilities are endless but the impact you can make is priceless. Show your love for her life, by giving the gift of life this year.

Simply mail us a donation with the contact information of the woman you are honoring, so we can mail her a handwritten card wishing her a Happy Mother's Day while acknowledging your donation in her name. We hope you all have a beautiful Mother's Day! ♥

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<b>May</b>	
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	24 Hours of Prayer for Life
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Happy Mother’s Day!</b>
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Board of Director’s Meeting
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Happy Memorial Day!</b>
<b>June</b>	
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBD – Membership Event
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBD – National Pro-Life Bridges Day
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director’s Meeting
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Happy Father’s Day!</b>
<b>July</b>	
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Happy Independence Day!</b>
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director’s Meeting
Tues., 28 <sup>th</sup> - Sun., Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD – DCRTL Educational Booth at the Dubuque County Fair





### *A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director*

I've never been so in-tune with the flowers and trees at my home as I have been this year, watching them closely nearly every single day from being perceived as "dead", to budding, and then to eventual blooming. The sense of beauty, renewal, and new life brings me immense comfort, especially during this difficult time. In the midst of all the horror with COVID-19, I hope you stop to 'smell the flowers' as well. I think it's easy to admit we tend to take life for granted now that we've been hit head-on with this pandemic. Our eyes have surely been opened. Life is so beautiful, be careful to not miss the true beauty within it, not only at this time, but when life goes back to 'normal', as well.

This period of time for DCRTL has been nothing short of interesting. We're pivoting our efforts to a focused online presence, reaching an average of 1,600 people every single week, through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages! This time is proving to be very fruitful in reaching our members and their families, as well as new people in the community with our pro-life messaging. If you haven't already, check out what we're up to! Weekly development fact information, fun family activities, scholarship speech video submissions, cute uplifting pictures, and much more!

**One fun 'project' we're looking forward to is a *Happy Mother's Day* video. We're asking everyone to email us pictures of you and your mom so we can put them all into a beautiful, uplifting, inspiring, pro-life *Mother's Day* video! Simply email McKenna, our super talented Executive Assistant, your picture(s) with any names of family members in the picture so we can include it in our fun video. McKenna's email is [mrichard@dcrtl.org](mailto:mrichard@dcrtl.org). We really hope you will participate so we can give tribute to all the wonderful Moms we so greatly love and appreciate.**

Yours in the service of LIFE,  
*Ash*

## **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 sign up for a one hour time slot between 12am-12am on this special day that you will dedicate in praying.

#### How to sign up:

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**We have hours open - please contact us to sign up for just one hour to pray for LIFE! Thank you!**



- Last minute sign-ups for the 24 Hours of Prayer for Life to fill open hours
- Mother's Day Donations in honor of those you love

# One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

The multinational **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies**, hosted by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, is scheduled to happen Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd. They encourage people to do the following:

1. To pray at least one Rosary as a participant
2. Let other people know about the One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies prayer event

Anyone may register to be a participant by going to the website: [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganizational.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganizational.org). The annual prayer event, coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, started about eleven years ago. "In 2018, over 135,000 Rosaries were registered by people living in more than 20 nations," said Patrick Benedict, director of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization. "That was one of the best years with regards to participation. But, with hundreds of millions of Catholics throughout the world who could participate, the goal of one million Rosaries could easily be not only met but far surpassed. I am very much hoping persons reading this will not only register to pray at least one Rosary for an end to the killing of unborn babies, but will also let other people know about the **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies**," concluded Benedict.



A friendly reminder about DCRTL's  
*Memorial to the Unborn*  
located within Mount Olivet Cemetery at 10556 Military Road in Dubuque.



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Recognizing that many mothers and fathers are grieving the loss of their children from abortion, and many other family members are also grieving the loss of their siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. from abortion, we hope that this area will present an opportunity for a transition to forgiveness and eventual healing. We encourage you to visit this site to pray for an end to abortion, as well as to pray for all who have been affected by abortion.



## april abortion recovery awareness month™

Some women personally become “aware” of abortion complications the moment they get off the table. Men often become aware the second their girlfriend/wife rolls out of the operating room. However, most individuals usually don’t become aware of the prospects for recovery until days, weeks or even years later. Abortion hurts individuals and families.

Abortion recovery changes a person’s life! Most abortion clients search out healing opportunities only when their pain becomes unbearable, they are triggered by something, or they are encouraged by a friend or family member to seek help. The goal of **Abortion Recovery Month** is to enlighten society by raising awareness of abortion and its aftermath. We also want to inform people of the recovery programs that are available.

**Some of the women’s recovery resources are:** Forgiven & Set Free, Free Me to Life, HEART - Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma, Her Choice to Heal, Into My Arms, Living in Color, No One Told Me I Could Cry, Oil of Joy Instead of Mourning, Project Rachel, Rachel’s Vineyard, SaveOne: A Guide to Emotional Healing After Abortion, Surrendering the Secret, The Journey, and Victims of Choice.

**Some of the men’s recovery resources are:** Healing A Father’s Heart, House of Essau, Men & Abortion Network, Missing Arrows – Fatherhood Lost, Rachel’s Vineyard for Men, Reconciled, and SaveOne for Men.

To find more information regarding **Abortion Recovery Month** and other resources, please feel free to contact our office.

Governor Kim Reynolds has proclaimed April 2020 as “Abortion Recovery Month”. The purpose of the Proclamation is to promote healing and recovery for individuals and families who suffer from the devastating effects of abortion, and to promote organizations in Iowa who aid in healing and recovery for those in pain. Unfortunately, and understandably, due to COVID-19 we weren’t able to have a formal signing with the Governor, but she has still signed the Proclamation and mailed it to the DCRTL office. The official, sealed document is beautifully displayed in our office so please stop in to see it when it’s safe to do so. This document reads:

**WHEREAS,** many Iowa organizations offer support and recovery services to those who have had abortions or who have been impacted by abortion; and

**WHEREAS,** many organizations in Iowa promote policies that reinforce a culture of life and hope; and

**WHEREAS,** abortion recovery programs help individuals heal by providing counseling, support groups, encouragement, and education; and

**WHEREAS,** Abortion Recovery Month encourages and promotes healing opportunities and raises awareness of the aftermath of abortion experienced by individuals and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as **ABORTION RECOVERY MONTH** in Iowa.

In serving as an MC at an annual pro-life banquet:

“ I do not think it is cliché to say we are in a life and death battle for the truth and authentic dignity of the human person. We need your full attention. You need to drop what you’re doing and join us, and this can be in so many ways: prayer, assistance to those in need, emails, phone calls, in-person meetings. Get educated about what we’re fighting about here. Really listen in and tune in. Please do something about it. Pray. Take action. If you don’t know what to do, ask somebody. Place this as a major priority in your life. ”



-Lamar Hunt, Jr., President & Owner of the Kansas City Mavericks Professional Hockey Team, and part of the founding & operating family of the Kansas City Chiefs NFL team

## Leading Coronavirus Vaccine Development Using Cells of Aborted Babies

Alternatives exist but are not getting as much press as Moderna's vaccine work.  
Published March 26, 2020 by Children of God for Life

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, pharmaceutical companies are racing to provide a vaccine to prevent further spread of the disease. Unfortunately, Moderna, the company that has been recently touted in news headlines for its developing mRNA-1273 vaccine to fight the virus, uses aborted fetal cell lines. Debi Vinnedge, Executive Director of Children of God for Life, a pro-life organization whose mission is to end the use of aborted fetal material in vaccines and medicines, said her suspicions were raised after checking Moderna's patents and in particular, the use of the Spike (S) protein.



The idea behind using this Spike protein in a vaccine with messenger RNA (mRNA) is to teach the patient's immune system to produce its own protein antibodies to block and destroy the virus so the person will not become infected. Unfortunately, Vinnedge said her heart sank when she discovered that Spike protein was produced using HEK 293 aborted fetal cells. "It was detailed in several science publications", she said. Similarly, a vaccine developer owned by Johnson & Johnson "is using [its] PER C6 Ad5 technology, derived from an aborted baby's retinal tissue." According to Children of God for Life, during a hearing of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a physician revealed how he harvested the fetal cells.

"So I isolated retina from a fetus, from a healthy fetus as far as could be seen, of 18 weeks old," Alex van der Eb said. "There was nothing special with a family history or the pregnancy was completely normal up to the 18 weeks, and it turned out to be a socially indicated abortus — *abortus provocatus*, and that was simply because the woman wanted to get rid of the fetus[...] ... [W]hat was written down was unknown father, and that was, in fact, the reason why the abortion was requested." He then admitted that "PER C6 was made just for pharmaceutical manufacturing of adenovirus vectors[...] ... And then pharmaceutical industry standard. I realize that this sounds a bit commercial, but PER C6 were made for that particular purpose."

Vinnedge said the heavy burden of revealing that knowledge in light of the public fear and panic, made her dig further into others' research. That's when she found another well-known pharmaceutical company had a better solution. Enter, Sanofi Pasteur which is using its own recombinant DNA platform to produce a Covid-19 vaccine. According to the Department of HHS Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) reports, Sanofi is using the DNA of the baculovirus expression platform, which is also used in their licensed Flublok Quadrivalent vaccine.

As in most seasonal flu vaccines, the need to produce large quantities of vaccine quickly has been a problem for many years as pharmaceutical companies used chicken eggs to cultivate their viruses. It takes several months and millions of eggs to produce the vaccines and so many companies began to turn to other cell lines for faster production. One such company was Protein Sciences whose recombinant DNA platform is based on insect cells. Their Sf9 cell line comes from the fall armyworm and is highly effective as a rapid growth medium. It has been used for several years in producing influenza vaccines. In 2017, Sanofi Pasteur bought Protein Sciences and is using this same platform for their newly developing Covid-19 vaccine which will allow them the flexibility to make millions of doses of vaccine quickly. "This is great news for millions of people world-wide who are concerned with the use of aborted fetal material in life-saving treatments or vaccines", stated Ms. Vinnedge. "There is a multitude of moral options that are safer and quite frankly, utilize a more modern technology."



Vinnedge said she was particularly annoyed to see a recent article in the Washington Post trying to assert that President Trump's ban on the use of aborted fetal tissue was blocking important research and treatments for Covid-19 virus. "That accusation is laughable at best and nothing more than a political maneuver," stated Vinnedge. "In fact, we have morally produced treatments for patients who are already infected, notably Hydroxychloroquine or Plaquenil. And there are more promising treatments on the way to prevent infection entirely. President Trump has done a great job of promoting morally responsible research ensuring that all Americans can have the protection they need. It is deplorable that anyone would want to exploit the remains of aborted babies for financial profit especially when so many people will refuse to use those products because of their deeply held religious, moral and pro-life convictions?" she added. "We applaud the efforts of companies such as Sanofi Pasteur who are providing morally acceptable options!"

Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas was the first U.S. Bishop to publicly denounce the immoral vaccines. He said he will refuse a potential vaccine for the Coronavirus if it is made using tissue from aborted children. In a tweet, he expressed his sadness over the fact that even with Covid-19 we are still debating the use of aborted fetal tissue for medical research.

"So sad...even with Covid-19 we are still debating the use of aborted fetal tissue for medical research...let me go on record...if a vaccine for this virus is only attainable if we use body parts of aborted children then I will refuse the vaccine...I will not kill children to live."



<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/leading-coronavirus-vaccine-development-using-cells-of-aborted-babies>  
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## Death Doctors See Covid-19 Crisis to Permit "Aid-in-Dying" Via Telehealth

By Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

The assisted suicide lobby are actively promoting the approval of assisted suicide and euthanasia via telehealth. The death lobby are using the coronavirus to achieve two main goals, that being, allowing the approval of lethal prescriptions via telemedicine or telehealth and the expansion of assisted suicide to include euthanasia. If allowed, a person could be prescribed lethal drugs for assisted suicide without ever being examined by a doctor.



According a committee of the newly formed American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying, (death doctors) (chaired by Lonny Shavelson, a California doctor who only offers death) the coronavirus crisis requires allowing approvals by telehealth. The committee stated: "In light of the coronavirus crisis, a committee has been convened to establish recommendations pertaining to the use of telemedicine to evaluate patients' requests to consider medical aid in dying. For the purposes of this policy statement, "telemedicine" and/or "telehealth" refers to a visual and verbal patient contact by electronic means, without an in-person visit. Long before the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, many established aid-in-dying clinicians used telemedicine visits to evaluate select aspects of terminally ill patients' requests to consider medical aid in dying. Given the need to limit in-person contacts to decrease the speed of contagion of coronavirus, an increased use of telemedicine for select aspects of aid-in-dying evaluations and care is recommended. The Committee concludes that there is nothing inherent in an aid-in-dying request that prohibits or discourages the use of telemedicine."

The death doctors are using the coronavirus to achieve their goal and they have no intention of going back to examining patients, once the coronavirus crisis passes.

It is important to recognize the language used by the death doctors. "Medical Aid in Dying" (MAiD) is a term that is used by the death lobby for euthanasia and assisted suicide. The American death lobby are trying to extend assisted suicide legislation to include euthanasia or lethal injection. Most new assisted suicide bills are not what they appear to be. Recently I reported that another death lobby group was using the coronavirus to promote assisted suicide via telehealth. This is not a new plan. The 2019 New Mexico assisted suicide bill included a telehealth provision and a recent bill to expand assisted suicide in Hawaii includes a telehealth provision. State regulators should not take this group seriously. These are death doctors promoting more death. In the case of Shavelson, he does not provide medical treatment, only death.

<https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2020/03/death-doctors-using-covid-19-crisis-to.html>

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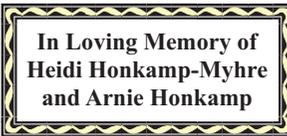
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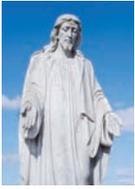
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## Memorials & Honorariums

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- **Charlie Theodore**, given by Dr. Virgil & Marian Bourek
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- **Myra Mary Welsh** for Mother's Day, given by David & Eva Stabenow
- **Bob Wessels**, given by Roger & Lynne Gibbs

### In Honor Of:

- **Mary Jo Becker** for Mother's Day, given by Tom & Ruth Becker
- **Lyla Grace Morel** for her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, given by Ron & Joan Delagardelle
- **Sr. Damian O'Brien** for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, given by Dr. Virgil & Marian Bourek

**When a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgment card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is 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 out cards.

## Special Thanks

- In response to COVID-19, we want to give many thanks to all of our members for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times. Thank you to the DCRTL Board of Directors, especially the Executive Committee, for their fierce dedication in handling many big decisions for DCRTL. Thank you to the staff team of DCRTL for your hard work and flexibility. Thank you to Al Schroeder for answering so many questions and supporting our team in transitioning to working from home.
- Thank you to our Scholarship Committee, Brad Hesselbacher, Colleen Myers, Jessica Pennington, and Tina Hasken, for volunteering many hours as scholarship speech contest judges!

# Spiritual Adoption — development of baby UPDATE

**Week 5** The baby is starting to develop major organs like the stomach, liver and kidneys.

BABY IS AS BIG AS AN  
**APPLESEED!**



**Week 6** Blood has begun circulating and a heartbeat can finally be seen on an ultrasound.

BABY IS AS BIG AS A  
**SWEET PEA!**



**Week 7** New brain cells are generated at 100 per minute.

BABY IS AS BIG AS A  
**BLUEBERRY!**



**Week 8** The baby's lips, nose, and eyelids are developing, and so are their fingers and toes!

BABY IS AS BIG AS A  
**RASPBERRY!**



## IOWA CONSTITUTION UPDATE

As of April 14: The Iowa Legislative Session of 2020 is still suspended 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 virus. How and when bills will be debated is still being determined, but the Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders continues to remain diligent during the suspension. The Coalition is maintaining communication with our legislative and executive leaders to ensure the "Protect Life" Constitutional Amendment to the Iowa Constitution has the best opportunity to be passed this session. It needs to be passed in the Iowa Legislature in both 2020 and 2021 in order to be on the ballot for a vote of the people in the Fall of 2021.

The proposed Amendment is abortion-neutral, so the voters of Iowa will quickly see that it is a means of returning the decision on laws regarding abortion to the people of Iowa...where it belongs. It does not make abortion illegal. It does not require that pro-life or pro-abortion laws be passed or struck down. It simply states the Constitution of the State of Iowa does not contain a right to abortion. Thus, if the people of Iowa desire to pass a law on abortion one way or the other they are free to do so, and the Iowa Supreme Court can still review any such law. But in upholding a law or striking any law down, the Iowa Supreme Court will not be able to base its ruling on Iowa's Constitution, as the Protect Life Amendment will have confirmed the Iowa Constitution is abortion-neutral.

We will continue to inform you when more is known. You will be called on in the future to help educate Iowans when the Amendment is put to a vote of the people, hopefully in the Fall of 2021. So please stay informed. This is a civil rights issue!

If you have questions, please call us at 563-556-5960.



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