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We are Excited to Introduce

Dubuque County Right to Life's New Executive Director Augustine Payne



Hello Fellow Pro-Lifers! My name is Augustine Payne and I look forward to working with you to build a culture of life in Dubuque County. I was born and raised just outside of Chicago. I'm one of thirteen kids (two in Heaven) and we were all involved in the pro-life movement from an early age. Besides being pro-life, I love the great outdoors. When I was 20 years-old, I was able to merge the two by doing Biking for Babies, which I, along with two of my brothers, were on the team that biked from Dallas, Texas, to Chicago, Illinois.

Following high school, I attended the local community college where I started a pro-life group on campus. After a couple of internships, I transferred to Ave Maria University where I met my wife Molly, obtained a degree in Economics, and started the debate team. Molly and I are proud parents of our son, Maximilian Karol, who soon approaches his first birthday. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you more in the near future. May God bless and reward you for your commitment to the pro-life movement.



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November National Adoption Month

Thursday, 4 th	DCRTL Board of Director Elections • 9am - 4pm: Vote by Phone (563-556-5960) • 5:30 - 7:30pm: Vote In-Person at the DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Rd, DBQ)
Friday, 5 - Sunday, 7	Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Hosted by DCRTL, St. Columbkille Convent Suites in Dubuque
Thursday, 18 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, 20 th	National Adoption Day
Thursday, 25 th	Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday, 26 th	DCRTL Office Closed
Tuesday, 30 th	#GivingTuesday

December

Friday, 3 rd	Final Day to Order Butter Braids
Wednesday, 8 th	National Night of Prayer for Life, Time & Location TBA
Thursday, 16 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 17 th	Butter Braid Pick-Up: DCRTL Office 1:30pm -4pm
Friday, 24 th	Christmas Eve (DCRTL Office Closed)
Saturday, 25 th	Merry Christmas!

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Thank you!

HAPPENINGS EMAILS

Maybe once or twice a week, we send out a DCRTL event reminder via email. It is a great way to stay informed of local happenings. Just call our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dctrl@dctrl.org to be added to our DCRTL Happenings Email list!



November DCRTL Membership Event: Meet Our New Executive Director & Vote for Board of Directors!

November 4th || 5:30-7:30pm || DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Rd, DBQ)
Board of Director's Vote || 6:30pm

We are so excited to announce the return of **in-person** membership events! On Thursday, November 4th, we will be hosting an opportunity to both vote for the new members of our board **AND** meet our brand new Executive Director, Augustine Payne!

DCRTL is governed by a board of directors, consisting of 9-12 persons who want to change hearts and save lives. They are nominated and elected for staggered three-year terms by you, the members of DCRTL. Our nominating committee presents to you the below slate of 3 candidates to fill 4 available spots on the board of directors. We will have both an in-person vote and a vote over the phone. **All DCRTL members are eligible to vote, but must do so by calling in to the DCRTL office between 9am-4pm on Thursday, November 4th or by coming to the event that evening at the DCRTL Office.** Thank you for helping to elect the newest members of the board of directors!

- ☪ Anna Durr was born and raised in Williamsburg, IA. She was baptized on January 24, 1982 and confirmed April 28, 1996 at St. Paul Lutheran in Williamsburg. She attended Lutheran Interparish and Williamsburg High School. In May of 2004 Anna graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN with a BA in Secondary Education, Social Studies with a Theology minor. Growing up a Christian and along with her parents and grandparents raising her to be pro-life, Anna has a deep passion for preserving life conception to natural death. Upon graduating from college she went into Social Work for approximately seven years, then through prayer took the journey back to her first love, teaching. She teach Social Studies at Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville. Psalm 139:13-14 "...for it was You who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You because I have been fearfully and wonderfully made". Anna coordinates the Beckman Right to Life kids and is on that committee. She attended the national March for Life with a Beckman bus 2 years ago.
- ☪ Darby Callahan is a 2017 graduate of Cascade High School and 2021 graduate of Loras College. He has been involved in the Pro-Life movement since 7th grade at Aquin Elementary in Cascade when he was preparing for the March for Life in which he attended in 8th grade. He attended the March for Life again during his junior year of high school in 2016. He continues to be involved in the Pro-Life movement by helping bring the October Respect Life Biking for Babies speaker to his Alma Mater, Loras College. Darby is current Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Resurrection Parish in Dubuque. Darby is excited to work with Dubuque County Right to Life and wants to build better relationships with area colleges to promote the mission of life.
- ☪ Marian Bourek graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor's degree in secondary education. She has spent her entire life in the pro-life movement. Marian is a founding board member of DCRTL, served four years as its executive director and continues to serve on several of the organization's committees. She is also a founding member of Mary's Inn Maternity Home. She is vice president of Life Decisions International and serves on the advisory board of Iowans for L.I.F.E., where she spent several years as president. Marian is active in her parish, St. Joseph's in Farley. She spent six years on the Iowa Board of Medicine serving the state as a lay member. She is married to Virgil, a veterinarian who practices out of his clinic in Dyersville. They have 5 adult children and 10 grandchildren. Out of all her involvements, Marian's favorite role is that of a doting grandmother.

A Perfect Gift!

Grab yourself or someone you know a DCRTL tumbler! They are stainless steel, hold up to 20oz, insulated to keep drinks hot or cold for up to 6 hours, has a slide-action lid, and are high quality to last you a long time!

Get your very own DCRTL tumbler for only \$10! Please feel free to pick up at your convenience during our office hours, as there will be plenty available in our front entryway. Simply drop a \$10 donation (per tumbler) in the donation box. Thank you!



National Adoption Day Saturday, November 20th

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness of the more than 123,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States. A coalition of national partners — the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Alliance for Children's Rights and Children's Action Network — founded National Adoption Day. On November 18, 2000, the coalition and the Freddie Mac Foundation encouraged seven cities to open their courts on or around the Saturday before Thanksgiving to finalize and celebrate adoptions from foster care. The first National Adoption Day was inspired by the innovative efforts of Michael Nash, a former presiding judge of Los Angeles County's Juvenile Court. He opened the court on Saturdays, engaged the volunteer efforts of court personnel and finalized adoptions to reduce the backlog of one of the busiest courts in the nation.

NATIONAL



ADOPTION DAY

Happy Thanksgiving!



In this time of gratitude, we give thanks for you! From subscribing to our newsletter, to volunteering in our office, to making a donation, we sincerely value your continued support. Without members like you we could not continue in our efforts to grow and foster a culture of life.

We would like to especially thank those attending DCRTL events. We understand how busy life is, so we greatly appreciate you sharing your time with us either raising awareness of the respect for life, praying for the respect for life, enjoying educational content we provide, etc.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving, from your friends at Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.!

Thank You!

- Thank you to Colleen Myers and Kayla Sass for volunteering in the office!
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to display crosses at the Cemetery of the Innocence in front of Divine Word College in Epworth, and in front of the Dubuque Community Church!
- Thank you to all who showed up in support of our annual Life Chain in Dubuque, Dyersville, and Galena!
- Thank you to all of our Life Saver Sunday volunteers and to all of the parishes who participated in this fundraising initiative for DCRTL!
- Thank you to John & Sue Lukasik for coordinating the Rosary Rally and inviting DCRTL to host an educational table at the event!
- Thank you to Patty Melin for donating several beautiful pieces of jewelry and rosaries that she made!
- Thank you to Russ Franklin for his donation of fetal development models!

Pro-Life Onesies!



Honor a new mom and celebrate new life in a special way. Donate \$25 or more and we'll send a custom designed DCRTL onesie (size 12 months) to the new Mom on your behalf with a congratulatory card. Just mail DCRTL a donation with a note that includes the new mom's name & mailing address. We'll take care of blessing her with this beautiful gift!



Prolife Court and Legislation Update

Guest Column By Art Gilloon

On Wednesday, December 21, 2021, the United State Supreme Court will hear oral argument in regard to Mississippi's prolife law that protects unborn babies and women after 15 weeks gestation. This case sets the stage for the Supreme Court to review Roe v. Wade, with a decision not expected until spring or summer of 2022.

The new Texas heartbeat law (See our October newsletter for a summary) is currently being batted about in the State and Federal Courts. It is unclear whether this law will be upheld, and developments are coming on almost a weekly basis. The good news is that as of Friday, October 8, 2021, the Federal Appeals Court had kept the law in place, overruling President Biden's attorney's arguments to place it on hold! It is important to remember that the Texas law does not criminalize abortion and does not allow a woman who has had an abortion to be sued. It only allows abortionists and others participating or encouraging the abortion to be sued. They can only be sued if they kill a baby with a beating heart.

In Iowa, a 2017 law mandating a 72-hour waiting period allowing a woman to receive additional information about her unborn baby and what abortion really is, was struck down by the Iowa Supreme Court. Unfortunately, the Court went out of its way to rule that Iowa's own Constitution contained a right to abortion! Because this was the Iowa Supreme Court interpreting only the Iowa Constitution, it could not be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2018, the Iowa Legislature passed another bill which essentially prohibited abortion after the unborn baby's heartbeat was detectible. Court challenges ensued, but Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller refused to defend the Constitutionality of the Legislation. The State of Iowa was represented by attorneys from the prolife Thomas More Society. Unfortunately, the Trial Court, based on the Iowa Supreme court precedent established in the 72-hour waiting period law described above, found the heartbeat bill violated the Iowa Constitution and stopped it from being enforced. The case was not appealed by Governor Kim Reynolds because it would have had to have been appealed to the same Iowa Supreme Court that had just found a Constitutional right to abortion in the 2017 24-hour waiting period case.

Thus, the 24 hour law and the 72 hour waiting period laws in Iowa are dead..... for now.

Our own Iowa Supreme Court on the state level and Roe v. Wade on the federal level stand in the way of prolife legal movement. As set out above, we will know more about the fate of Roe v. Wade on December 1st.

In Iowa, one way forward is through a Protect Life Amendment ("PLA") to the Iowa Constitution. Such an Amendment was passed by both the Iowa House and Senate in the Iowa 2021 Legislative session, and will again be considered by the Iowa Legislature in the 2022 session. The PLA on its own will not ban abortion. However, it states that nothing in the Iowa Constitution guarantees a right to abortion. That will negate the Iowa Supreme Court's rulings above. Then, the people of Iowa can decide through the legislative process with new laws whether Iowa will protect Unborn babies and their Moms. The PLA has to be approved again by both the Iowa House and Senate in 2022, following which it will be put to a vote of all Iowans.

Please follow all of these developing stories in the media and on our website and Facebook page. Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. as your primary educational resource for prolife news, will keep you informed!

2022 March for Life Update

As we continue searching for an Executive Director and navigating the challenges of COVID, the board of Dubuque County Right to Life has decided not to coordinate a local trip to the March for Life this coming January. However, you still have the opportunity to participate in the national march! Iowans for Life is sponsoring bus travel, hotel accommodations and event participation in the National March for Life activities scheduled for January 19-23, 2022, in Washington, D.C. Buses will travel through Dubuque County, with a pickup location to be determined. The cost is \$400/person. To learn more about the event and to register, visit www.iowansforlife.org/march-for-life/ or contact Maggie DeWitte at mdewitte@iowansforlife.org or 515-255-4113.

#GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 30th

- ◆ #GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in countries around the world. Millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live.
- ◆ We have two days for getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back. Together, people are creating a new ritual for our annual calendar. #GivingTuesday is the opening day of the giving season.
- ◆ Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, or simple acts of kindness.

We hope that you will consider Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. this #GivingTuesday. Our mission wouldn't succeed without our volunteers or donors.

We are eternally grateful for each and every one of you!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



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 **“How Abortion & Euthanasia Destroy the Respect of Disabled Individuals.”**
- 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.dctrl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. **The deadline to apply is Friday, March 4, 2022.** Finalists will be chosen by the quality of their written speech, as well as logged service hours and recommendation letter. Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 2, 2022.

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Jeremiah 1:5

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have made the tough decision to reschedule the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, as well as the location. The leadership team is working diligently to prepare for the retreat and would appreciate your prayers. Please also pray for the individuals registered to attend this retreat, as well as those who are contemplating doing so.

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. Each weekend is run by volunteers who care deeply about your needs. Many of the facilitators have suffered the same loss.



Rachel's Vineyard can help you

Rachel's Vineyard can help you find your inner voice. It can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level. It creates a place where men and women can share, often for the first time, their deepest feelings about abortion. You are allowed to dismantle troubling secrets in an environment of emotional and spiritual safety. Rachel's Vineyard is healing for the soul. Participants, who have been trapped in anger toward themselves or others, experience forgiveness. Peace is found. Lives are restored. A sense of hope and meaning for the future is finally re-discovered.

DCRTL's Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Details:

November 5-7, 2021

St. Columbkille Convent Suites, Dubuque, IA

- **Schedule:** The weekend begins on Friday evening, with arrivals starting at 4:30 PM and concludes on Sunday, mid-afternoon.
- **Cost:** \$150.00 registration fee includes lodging for two nights, one meal on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and two meals on Sunday, plus all materials provided. Financial assistance is available for those who request help.
- **Accommodations:** Participants will be staying at the St. Columbkille Convent Suites in Dubuque. You will have your own bedroom with shared common spaces and bathrooms. We will also have COVID-19 precautions in place.
- **Confidentiality:** DCRTL strictly respects confidentiality and privacy. If you or someone you know is hurting, please reach out today. Please email (dctrl@dctrl.org) or call (563-556-5960) DCRTL if you have any questions about participating in the retreat.

To register, please go to: dctrl.org/RV

For more information about Rachel's Vineyard and other retreat locations, visit: rachelvineyard.org

**We hope you, or someone you know, can join us for this life-changing retreat.
Transform the pain of the past into hope and love. You are not alone.**

DCRTL Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Needs

DCRTL is hosting a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat* November 5-7, 2021, to help women and men heal from their abortion or experiences with abortion. We will have many opportunities for support if you are interested in donating your time, talents, or treasures. Please reach out to us if you would like to be involved in any way!

Prayer Team: We are searching for **MANY** individuals to join the "Rachel's Vineyard Prayer Team". During the entire weekend retreat there will be at least 1 person (but hopefully 2) praying for all of the participants and retreat leaders the whole time. **Will you please join to pray?** We need at least 48 volunteers to fill all the time slots.

To sign up:

- **Email:** dctrl@dctrl.org
- **Call:** 563-556-5960
- **Online:** <https://bit.ly/RVpray>



Please reach out to sign up or if you have any questions. Your prayers are **INCREDIBLY** important during this weekend of hope and healing. Please consider dedicating just 1 hour of your time for the participants and leaders. They need your prayers during this life-changing weekend. **Thank you!**

Financial Support: If you feel called to make a donation towards covering the many expenses of hosting this retreat, please consider mailing a donation with "RV Donation" written in the memo line. Your donations directly support this life-changing program! You can mail donations to: DCRTL, 2205 Carter Rd, Dubuque, IA 52001. **Thank you!**

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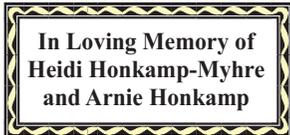
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Cinnamon

Cream Cheese

Raspberry

Strawberry Cream Cheese

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- ♥ **Final Order Deadline:** Please call or email your order by **Friday, December 4**
- ♥ **Pick-Up Date & Time:** Please pick up your order on **Friday, December 18** at the DCRTL office, between 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- ♥ **Cost:** \$13/each (\$5.50 of that will go directly towards the March for Life Scholarship Fund)

Can You Help Give Our Birds A Home?

Here at the DCRTL office we are so blessed to listen to the beautiful birds happily chirping during our workday. It's lovely! Unfortunately, they tend to make nests (and very big messes!) between the beams and roof overhang on the front of the building. To solve this issue, we are searching for someone who has a very large "multi-unit" birdhouse that they would like to donate, or someone who would be willing to make one. And if your or someone you know would be willing to install it with a metal stake or pole into the ground, that would certainly be appreciated too!



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Respect Life Month Recap!



Thank you to all who attended our many Respect Life Month Events! We loved seeing all of your friendly faces taking a stand for life!



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