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IOWA MARCH FOR LIFE

JUNE 24, 2023 - DES MOINES



On June 24th, the 1st anniversary of the overturn of Roe v. Wade in the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court Decision, members of the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders (of which DCRTL is a member) are joining together to organize a State March for Life at the Iowa State Capitol!! It would be great to have many buses going from the Dubuque area!!

We would like to make it as easy for as many people to attend as possible. The cost to take the bus is \$25 per person with a maximum of \$100 per family.

Depart Dubuque area by 8am. Arrive in Des Moines around 11:30 am. Pack a picnic lunch to eat at the Capitol grounds while viewing sponsor tables. There will be time to possibly tour the Iowa Capitol prior to or immediately after the March. Rally will begin at 1pm with the March to immediately follow. We will depart Des Moines and begin our return trip around 3:30.

To sign-up, please contact our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org. **The deadline to sign-up is Monday, June 12th.**

Note: If it's easier for you to meet us at the Capitol instead of taking the bus, please feel free! If you have enough interest from your area or church to fill a bus (56 people) or buses, please contact Augustine Payne for more details.



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Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, education organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia and infanticide.

May 2023	
Friday, May 12th 12pm - 4pm	Mother's Day rose bouquet pick-up
Sunday, May 14th	Happy Mother's Day!
Thursday, May 18th	Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, May 25th 7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Respect of Life <i>St. John the Baptist, Peosta</i>
Monday, May 29th	DCRTL closed in observance of Memorial Day
June 2023	
Monday, June 5th	Deadline to sign up for Summer Equipped for Life Course
Tuesday, June 6th 10:00 AM	Equipped for Life Course <i>DCRTL Office</i>
Monday, June 12th	Deadline to sign up for Iowa State March for Life Trip
Thursday, June 15th	Board of Directors meeting
Friday, June 16th	Deadline for final pledges to be mailed to Birdies for Charity
Sunday, June 18th	Happy Father's Day!
Thursday, June 22nd 7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Respect of Life <i>St. John the Baptist, Peosta</i>
Saturday, June 24th	Iowa State Rally and March for Life @ Iowa State Capitol



Please Note: Every Thursday, we will be doing a carpooling trip down to Emma Goldman Clinic to pray during the time they are doing abortions. For more information, see page six.



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Life Dinner 2023 was such a fun and impactful event!! For all of you who were not able to attend, it was a great evening of socializing with Pro-Life Friends, plenty of opportunities of laughter, and a night of learning from our speakers.

Bishop Pates joined us and provided some remarks as well as a few good jokes. Grace Van Petten, a Loras college student, gave a snapshot of her conversion from being pro-choice and believing in the bodily rights argument, to becoming a pro-life guru because of the witness of her pro-life friends. Board Member and Attorney Art Gilloon spoke on how we can become more involved at the Emma Goldman abortion clinic by being there for the women going in, even if it is in the silent presence holding a sign, “You are not alone, We can help you.” And then our keynote speaker, Dr. Lile, gave us a lesson on what medical technology is doing for the pre-born children in the womb, and how the pre-born are patients with rights because “a patient is a person no matter how small.” The lesson was engaging, informative, and at a level anyone could understand.

Dr. Lile’s talk definitely provided tools that may be helpful in future discussions with pro-choice people, or people that do not know where they stand on the issue. We hope to have a video of his talk available on our website soon. You can follow Dr. Lile and his great work at prolifedoc.org, as well as on the various social media platforms.

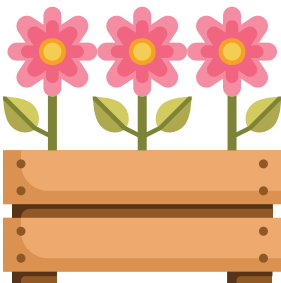
Speaking of expanding your toolbox, we are hosting a summer session of the Equipped for Life Course! If you did not have the chance to do it the first time, or you want to do it again, we are offering it on Tuesday mornings at 10am beginning on June 6th. Based on feedback given during the first session, we are extending the time frame from an hour, to an hour and a half. People would like more time to work through the presented material, and I’m happy to offer it.

One of DCRTL’s goals is to change hearts and minds, and the way we will do that is by having great dialogue about the issue. This tool will enable us to have those discussions with people who are on the fence, and those who call themselves pro-choice. Will you join us to learn how to have great dialogues with others? On page nine, you can read what a recent attendee had to say about going through the course this past winter.

I hope you have a great month as the weather continues to change with warmer days and flowers blossoming. We at DCRTL would like to wish all of our members who are mothers, A happy Mothers Day!!

For Life.

Augustine Payne



Thank You!

- Laura Dolehide for helping in the office!
- Doris & Bill McDermott, and Tom & Beth Simpson, for donating soap refills and stamps!
- Julie Schilling for the soap refill

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Photos from the Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck



PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member



Dear Prolife Friends –

Here is an Iowa update, some national news, and some news from Colorado of which all should be aware.

On April 11, the Iowa Supreme heard oral arguments on Iowa’s “Heartbeat Law.” As this column has reported several times in the past, Governor Kim Reynolds rightfully appealed a district court judge’s decision to not let the heartbeat law go into effect. This pro-life law would lower the age of protection for pre-born people from 20 weeks to about 6 weeks, which is the time that a heartbeat can be detected. It is increased protection for preborn people. It was passed in 2018, but then put on hold by the courts. After the Iowa Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court both ruled in June, 2022, that there was no right to abortion in the Iowa and federal constitutions, respectively, Governor Reynolds sought to have Iowa’s heartbeat law go back into effect. A Polk County, Iowa, district court judge denied her motion, and now it is before the Iowa supreme court for a final decision. The Iowa Supreme Court’s ruling should come by June, so watch for news of it in the newspaper, radio, on television, and on social media. It will be big news when it comes out.

In national news, the United States Supreme Court has on its fast track docket a case that will have national implications for medication abortions. As you know, more than 50% of all abortions occur via medication abortions. The abortion pill is a two-dose regimen of mifepristone followed by misoprostol. Mifepristone works to kill a pre-born baby by cutting off the nutrients necessary for the baby to continue developing. A second drug, misoprostol, taken days after the first, induces cramping and contractions to expel the dead baby from the womb. Often this occurs when the woman is on the toilet at home or in a hotel room. It is a gruesome, deadly procedure, fatal to the baby and harmful to the woman. A federal lawsuit filed by pro-life doctors has challenged the FDA’s approval of mifepristone, asserting the FDA ignored safety issues in approving mifepristone and the drug should be pulled from the shelves until legitimate safety tests can be performed. On Friday, April 21, the US Supreme Court ruled that the FDA can continue to authorize the distribution of mifepristone while the lawsuit is pending. At least the lawsuit is on the Supreme Court’s fast track, so that a decision will come sooner rather than later, hopefully saving more babies’ lives and protecting women in the process.

Lastly, some distressing news from Colorado, which is quickly establishing itself as the most pro-abortion state in the Union. It recently passed a law which makes it illegal for doctors to prescribe medicine to reverse the effects of mifepristone, the first abortion pill. Often women will have second thoughts about going through with the abortion after they take this first pill. Doctors have found that if specific progesterone/medicine is given to the woman within 72 hours of taking mifepristone, there’s a 70% chance that the medication abortion process can be reversed, saving the baby’s life, and stopping harm to the mother.

Colorado’s new law, however, prohibits doctors from prescribing abortion reversal medication, even if the woman asks for it. If a Colorado doctor tries to help the woman and save her baby’s life, they are subject to a \$20,000 fine and can have their medical license revoked. One bright light in this matter is that a federal judge granted a pro-life health care clinic a temporary exemption from Colorado’s first-in-the-nation ban on the abortion pill reversal regimen after the clinic filed a lawsuit soon after the measure took effect. U.S. District Court Judge Daniel Domenico said in his injunction on April 17, 2023 that the new law “burdens their (the pro-life doctors’) own First Amendment rights.” The plaintiff, Bella Health and Wellness, a nonprofit health care clinic that provides abortion pill reversal with a progesterone treatment, challenged the law. Let’s hope they succeed.

Fortunately, Iowa, Colorado, and every other state have courageous pro-life nurses, physicians, lawyers, and citizens who will take on pro-abortion opponents wherever and whenever needed. Please support them and stay tuned for updates from DCRTL, Inc.



Volunteers needed July 25 - 30, 2023

DCRTL will again have an educational booth at the Dubuque County Fair! We are so eager to be able to promote LIFE at our booth to thousands of people! From Tuesday, July 25th to Sunday, July 30th, we will be handing out 12-week old fetal models, educational pens, lollipops, pins, magnets, stickers, brochures, newsletters, bags, and more! Our booth will have the fetal model display, educating fair-goers of life in the womb from conception until birth, as well as our large Abortion Timeline banner that compares side-by-side the gruesome abortion procedures to the timeline of the stages of fetal development. It is incredibly eye opening! Our booth provides a great opportunity to educate our community on the sanctity of life, engage them in dialogue, and to invite them into the pro-life mission. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in 'working' a shift (4 hours) at our booth during the fair. It's a wonderful way to educate and it's a great deal of fun! An admission ticket will be provided to you – volunteer for a few hours and then go have fun at the fair! You won't be left to volunteer alone, we promise! We hope you can help – give us a call today if you are interested in signing up.

Our goal this year is to promote good dialogue about the topic of abortion as well as tell people about our organization. We would like our volunteers at the Fair to have participated in the Equipped for Life Course. If you would like to volunteer, but have not attended the seminar in the past, and cannot attend our upcoming one in June, contact our office and we would be happy to connect you with resources

Sidewalk Witnesses Needed

DCRTL plans on having a carpool go down each week to Emma Goldman Clinic to pray outside of the abortion clinic on Thursdays when they do abortions. We need to leave our office by 6am to get down there by 7:30am when the mothers begin to arrive. We will stay for a couple of hours and then drive back. Would you be interested in going on a particular Thursday each month? Or maybe you are interested in every Thursday? The car trip goes by fast because you are in great company. You do not need to do sidewalk advocacy if you do not feel called to do it. It is great to have people out there praying on a public sidewalk and there is great power just in that. Call our office to sign-up (563-556-5960) so we know to expect you.



Do you know someone who would like to spend the summer working for the pro-life cause? We offer flexible internships where students can spend their summer gaining experience while building a society that cherishes LIFE. We have a variety of projects we would like to accomplish given the time and talent, so whether you are an introvert or extravert, there is something here where you can grow your skills, GET PAID, and work to make a positive difference in the world. If interested, reach out to Augustine Payne at 563-556-5960 or apayne@dcrtl.org. We would love to have you join our team!

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



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- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 16.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC (after July 9, 2023) may be applied the following year.

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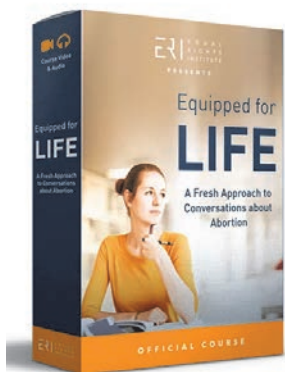
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The Equipped for Life Course provides a fresh approach to the dialogue about abortion. Equal Rights Institute developed this method from thousands of conversations with pro-choice people. We want to continue to introduce this approach to our members. The seminar will help you have charitable dialogues with anyone regardless of their religious or political beliefs.

Tuesdays - June 6th - July 18th 2023 (except for July 4th), 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Each meeting will include learning the topic of the day, time for discussion, and practicing with fellow pro-lifers. If you can't attend a certain day during the course, we have a plan for you.

The topics we will cover are: Habits of Highly Ineffective Pro-Lifers, Practical Dialogue Tips, Trot Out a Toddler, The Biological Case for the Unborn, The Philosophical Case for the Unborn, The Question of Rape, and Bodily Rights Arguments.

Please Register by June 5th. To register, call our office at 563-556-5960 or email Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org.

Check out what one of our attendees said after attending the winter session:

"I was totally impressed with the approach ERI uses. Ever since I saw the rebellion from the other side when Roe was overturned, I feel like we are back at square one in our efforts to change hearts and minds about abortion. I got involved in the pro-life movement because I was sure if people only knew the facts, the truth about it, they would be pro-life. Education was the key.

Not so. In spite of the fact that the truth – the science – is on our side, they continue to argue the women need abortion for various reasons (poverty, health, equal rights, etc.). This course teaches how to help them explore their own thought process and steer them into realizing the truths of the matter (abortion is murder, abortion hurts women, abortion doesn't fix the problems etc.).

The method that ERI teaches gives me hope for the future. Giving people the opportunity to discover the truths gives them ownership of that discovery. Telling them what to believe creates division. We all want to be right and so begins an argument.

I recommend the Equipped for Life Seminar to everyone! It is hard (and humbling) but worth every effort. I see this method of communication as key to creating dialog which could ultimately result in the conversion of hearts we are seeking; the key to making abortion unthinkable."

Abortion Recovery Month - Silent No More Awareness & Rachel's Vineyard Retreats



On April 13th, Governor Kim Reynolds signed a proclamation that declared the month of April in Iowa as "Abortion Recovery Month", to help raise awareness of the devastating affects abortion has on women, men, and families, and to promote resources of hope and healing. Thank you to our fellow pro-life friends for joining in support of this annual proclamation and a special thank you to Governor Reynolds for this opportunity!

Two Interdenominational retreats for those in need of healing due to the effects of an abortion will be held in the Dubuque area:

Local Host: Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center, Cedar Rapids - Retreat held in Galena, IL.

Friday, November 3, 2023 - Sunday, November 5, 2023

Website Address: bridgehavencr.org/abortion-recovery-support/take-courage/

Contact: Haley Brimmer, 319-364-8967 haley@bridgehavencr.org

Retreat Location: Shalom Spirituality Center, Dubuque, IA

Friday, October 6, 2023 - Sunday, October 8, 2023

Contact: Teresa Shepard 563-235-7794 psalmniv139@gmail.com

Contact: Amy Houselog 563-542-9548 houselog4@msn.com

For more information and resources, you can visit Silent No More Awareness website at <http://silentnomoreawareness.org/resources/support-and-recovery-groups.aspx#usa> or scan the QR code.



Life Dinner 2023

Thank You!

Thank you to Bishop Richard Pates for leading the opening prayer, and Pastor Dennis Schmitt for doing the closing prayer!

Thank you to all those who helped with the Life Dinner! Sara Brehm, Jackie Crimmins, Brendan Dolehide, Laura Dolehide, Jennifer Gray, Erin Heim, Mary Konrardy, Molly Payne, Ellen Markham, Martha Schmid, Maureen Ward, and Tayler Worley.

Thank you to Judy Butemeyer for providing the entertainment of the evening with her musical talents!

Thank you to George Rondinelli from Rondinelli Music/Audio for providing the sound! Francis Thomas from Immaculata Entertainment for recording the talks! Grand River Center for their great service!

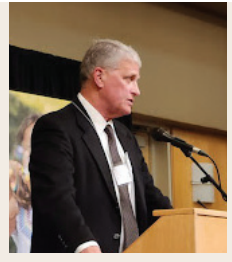
Thank you to Chuck Olson for creating the slideshow of our events from the past year, as well as the tribute to our members who did not live to see Roe overturned!

Thank you to Beckman High School Blazers for Life, and Loras Duhawks for Life, for helping with cleanup following the Dinner!

Thank you to Al Troupe, Cassie Schetgen, Noelle Javurek, Katie McGuire, for taking pictures of the evening and sharing them with us!

Thank you to all those who attended and made this evening so great!!





Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners!









From left to right
Chloe Roland, Jenna Marchand, Evelyn Sadler, Jenna Lansing, Blair Hughes, Adam Knepper, Kylie Nauman, John Paul Grebner

DCRTL held our annual Scholarship Speech Presentation Day on Saturday, April 8th. If you missed it, you can watch them on DCRTL's Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/dcrtl). The theme you'll hear from the students is, "Life in a post Roe America: Meeting Challenges, Finding Opportunities."

For the 2022/2023 school year, we awarded a total of \$7,500 in scholarship monies to passionately pro-life students. DCRTL began this scholarship opportunity back in the 2010/2011 school year, making this the 12th year of helping to financially support pro-life students pursue their dreams! We are so proud to have given over \$75,000 worth of deserving scholarship monies in total so far! That is incredible and all thanks to our donors who support this important annual initiative of DCRTL's! These young, pro-life warriors are going off to college ready to spread the affirming message of LIFE on their college campuses. We cannot wait to see the impact they will continue to have in building a culture of Life!

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 <p>PARK FARM WINERY BANKSTON, IOWA</p> <p>ENJOY LIFE!</p>	<p>"If people spent an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would be ended." +Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta</p>  <p>If you would like to know more about being a regular adorer at the Power of Prayer Adoration Chapel, or if you are willing to sub occasionally, please contact Melissa Noel, 563-564-6365 or powerofprayerchapel@outlook.com</p>	<p>Catholic Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate: </p> <p><small>St. Patrick, Coleburg; St. Mark, Edgewood; St. Joseph, Elkader; St. Mary, Strawberry Point; and Sacred Heart, Volga.</small></p> <p><i>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."</i> Jeremiah 1:5</p>



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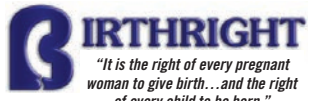
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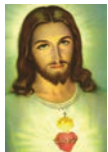


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