



Happy Independence Day!

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

By Arthur F. Gilloon, Attorney and Board Member



Dear Pro-life Friends,

Many of you will know by the time you read this newsletter that on June 16, 2023, the Iowa Supreme Court dealt a blow to the Pro-Life movement. With one of the 7 Justices not participating in the vote due to her former law firm's representation of Planned Parenthood, the remaining 6 Justices deadlocked 3 to 3 on whether to unblock Iowa's protective 6-week/heartbeat abortion law passed in 2018. Because the vote was a 3 to 3 tie, the ruling of the District Court in Polk County, Iowa which blocked the law was affirmed.

The Fetal Heartbeat Law passed by the Iowa Legislature in 2018 protected unborn children after their heartbeat could be detected – typically around 6 weeks of pregnancy. The law was challenged in Court and was blocked by an injunction in Polk County which prevented its enforcement. The issue before the Supreme Court of Iowa was whether that injunction should be lifted, thus unblocking the law and letting it go into effect all throughout Iowa. The law did include exceptions for rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother. Last summer the Iowa Supreme Court found that the Iowa Constitution does not contain a fundamental right to abortion, so it was hoped that the Decision made on June 16th would logically follow suit and allow the 2018 heartbeat law to finally go into effect.

That did not happen.

This means the particular Pro-Life Heartbeat law passed in 2018 will never go into effect in Iowa.

So for now, abortion remains legal in Iowa during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. All of you know that a heartbeat is detectable at 6 weeks, and the human body is completely formed at 10 weeks. Abortuaries like Emma Goldman advertise that they kill babies and harm women up to 19 weeks and 6 days gestation.

Currently no federal law governs when and if abortion should be legal during pregnancy, and because the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in the *Dobbs* case last summer, individual states like Iowa have a right to regulate abortion, protect women, and save babies. To correct the Iowa Supreme Court's latest pro- abortion ruling, the Iowa Legislature now needs to pass a new Heartbeat bill. and the Governor needs to sign it.

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July 2023

Tuesday, July 4th	Happy Independence Day! <i>(Offices closed)</i>
Weds. - Sun., July 5th - 9th	John Deere Classic Tournament Week
Friday, July 7th	Birdies for Charity Deadline for Late Pledges
Wednesday, July 12th	Ambassadors for Life meeting (see pg ___)
Friday, July 14th	Registration Deadline for Generations for Life Camp
Saturday, July 15th 5 - 7 PM	Pro-Life Swim Night <i>(Sutton Pool)</i>
Sunday, July 16th 2:00-3:30 PM	Practice dialogue on abortion <i>(DCRTL Office)</i>
Monday, July 17th 11am-1:30pm	Pre-Fair party <i>(DCRTL Office)</i>
Wednesday, July 19th 6:30 - 8 PM	Practice Apologetics <i>(DCRTL Office)</i>
Thursday, July 20th	Board of Directors Meeting
Fri. - Sun., July 23rd - 25th	Generations for Life Camp
Tues. - Sun., July 25th - 31st	DCRTL Education Booth at Dubuque County Fair
Thursday, July 27th 7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Respect of Life <i>(St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta)</i>

August 2023

Thursday, August 3rd 5:30 - 8 PM	Summer Picnic <i>(Asbury Park Wagner Pavilion)</i>
Wednesday, August 9th	Ambassadors for Life meeting
Thursday, August 17th	Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, August 24th 7 - 8 PM	Holy Hour for Respect Life <i>(St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta)</i>



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello pro-life Americans,

We have marked the one year anniversary of when the egregious Roe v. Wade decision was overturned by the US Supreme Court after the cost of over 60 million lives lost. The overturn has allowed abortion conversation to come to the forefront of people's minds. Whether that be directly because of the overturn, or due to the many laws that have been and will continue to be passed due to Roe v. Wade being no longer the law of the land.

We recently had the bad news that three justices on the Iowa Supreme Court have decided to act as some have called a “super legislator” in order to keep abortion legal in Iowa up until 20 weeks. You can find more on that in Art’s section on page one.

What I would like to bring to your attention this month is the public opinion on abortion. In late April there was a NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist National Poll conducted. In the poll they found that 59% of Americans oppose the overturning of Roe v. Wade. At the same time, 66% of Americans say abortion should only be allowed at most in the first three months of pregnancy.

This is typical. Most people think of Roe v. Wade as just legalizing abortion during the “first trimester”. This is the narrative that they have been fed by the media and pro-abortion advocacy groups, when in fact, Roe v. Wade along with its companion case Doe v. Bolton (lesser known and hardly talked about outside of pro-life circles) made abortion legal through all nine months. Roe v. Wade said abortion could not be regulated in the first trimester, but it could regulate abortions in the 2nd and 3rd trimester except when necessary to preserve the “health” of the mother, which Doe v. Bolton defines “health” as physical, emotional, psychological, familial, or the woman's age. This broad definition made it impossible to regulate abortion at all until Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992) decision, and then only some restrictions like parental notification were allowed.

The false information that the media and the pro-abortion industry put out needs to be countered by you having educational and calm conversations with those you know. As you see with this poll, you have something in common with those 66% of Americans that abortion should be illegal in the 2nd and 3rd trimester. It is with this common ground that we begin to have good dialogue about abortion. For more information on having good dialogue on the issue of abortion, join us for the Equipped for Life Course, or join Justice for All’s (jfaweb.org) Love3 training. Both have great content.

One last note on this poll that was a surprise. There was a dramatic increase in the number of people who say they support protecting the pre-born after the 6-week mark, sometimes called a Heartbeat bill. It increased from 27% last year, to 40% this year. That is an increase of 13% in just one year. I believe some of that shift is due to the education that is able to happen due to Heartbeat bills being introduced and passed around the country. By introducing these laws, I’m sure some people learned that a heartbeat is present and can be detected at such an early stage. This is very good news and hopefully the momentum will continue.

I hope your summer is going well and you have a great Independence Day! We will continue to fight for the right to Life for the pre-born and educate on the life affirming options that are available to a mother in crisis.

For Life,

Augustine Payne

P.S. Please share the information of our high school summer camp with the high schoolers in your life. It is going to be great fun and learning. The more, the merrier.

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Please Note: Every Thursday, we carpool to Emma Goldman Clinic to pray during the time they are doing abortions. We depart the DCRTL office at 6:00 AM and return at around noon time. You do not need to 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 in that. Please let us know prior to the day by calling 563-556-5960 or e-mailing us at reception@dcrtl.org so we know to expect you.

WISH LIST

- Sticky / Post It Notes
- Scrap pieces of fabric to wrap the 12-week babies we will hand out at the fair

THANK YOU!



- Giese Sheet Metal for fixing our outdoor parking lot railing
- Laura for helping in the office
- Tom & Beth Simpson for their help with the garden
- McKenna Richard for her help in designing billboards and making updates to our Embrace Life Campaign

PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

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If there be any good news in this ruling from Friday June 16th by the Iowa Supreme Court, it does appear there are 3 pro-life Justices ready to uphold a new heartbeat bill or similar legislation. These Justices are Matthew McDermott, Christopher McDonald, and David May. Justices Thomas Waterman, Edward Mansfield, and Chief Justice Susan Christensen voted to kill the 2018 heartbeat law.

So what happens now? Governor Reynolds could call a special session of the Legislature to consider a new heartbeat bill and/or other Pro-Life Legislation to protect women and the preborn. Or, the Legislature could wait until the 2024 Legislative session to act. If the Governor calls for a special session this summer to consider a new Heartbeat Bill, it is important for all readers to stay informed and voice your opinion to the Governor's office and to your State Representatives and Legislators.

As always, the health, lives and safety of pregnant women and their babies is critical.



OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE YOUR DIALOGUE SKILLS

For all those who have taken the Equipped for Life Course and who would like to put it into practice, we are holding a couple of practice times at the DCRTL office. This would be an excellent opportunity to practice prior to the County Fair. If you would like to get an idea of what the full course is like, you are welcome to join us as well.



**Sunday, July 16, at 2pm,
Wednesday, July 19, at 7pm,
at the DCRTL Office.**

Please register by Thursday July 13, by calling us at 563-556-5960 or emailing us at dctrl@dctrl.org.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - PRE-FAIR PARTY

**Monday, July 17 - Pre-Fair Party 11am-1:30pm
DCRTL Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)**

Join us for a pre-fair party on Monday, July 17th at our office! We will be wrapping the 10-12 week old fetal models in a blanket/piece of fabric, along with description cards which detail the stages of development that baby has already undergone. The kiddos at the fair LOVE these! Being able to hand them out can change hearts and save lives - once someone can hold that tiny baby in their hands and read the facts of their development, they can easily see that it is, indeed, a baby. The first step in building a greater respect for life in the womb is educating - and what better way than this!

Join us for lunch, cookies and lemonade, as well as fellowship! Come hungry and excited to make a difference!

SAVE THE DATE!

DCRTL's
Trivia Night

Saturday,
November 11, 2023

@at St.Columbkille's

More details to come...

GENERATIONS FOR LIFE

Three days and two nights of learning, fun, fellowship, and outreach! DCRTL and the Ambassadors for Life are holding our first annual Generations for Life Summer Camp.



July 23 – 25, 2023
Bean Farm Scotch Grove

*Camp is open to boys and girls, ages 14-18 years old (rising high school freshmen to rising freshman in college)
Boys and girls will have separate sleeping quarters.*



The cost is \$50 per person.
Scholarships are available if cost is an issue.

Deadline to sign up is July 14th.

We hope you can join us!

Pictures are of the accommodations at the Bean Farm



**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.

**Saturday, July 15th, 5pm-7pm
Sutton Pool (1900 Hawthorne St., Dubuque)**



**PRO-LIFE
SWIM NIGHT!**

Grab your swimsuit and water toys! DCRTL is hosting a swim night on Saturday, July 15th from 5pm-7pm at Sutton Pool. We will have use of the entire facility including swimming areas, locker room facilities, water slides, water playgrounds & fountains, volleyball & basketball equipment. Lifeguards will be present! You can bring food and nonalcoholic beverages (just no glass containers please) to enjoy while there. Balls and flotation devices (less than 6 ft. in length) are allowed as well! Please join us for a GREAT family-fun night to enjoy each other's company!

SUMMER PICNIC

You're invited!

Thursday, August 3rd 5:30PM – 8:00PM
Wagner Pavilion in Asbury Park

Please join us for our annual membership picnic! The main course will be provided. If you wish to bring a favorite dish or beverage to share, please do. We look forward to celebrating LIFE with you and your family at this fun event.



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY
FOR CLARITY CLINIC -
WILL YOU HELP?**

Clarity Clinic is in need of pull ups and diapers, particularly sizes 5 and 6, but all sizes are appreciated and will be used. They have reached out to us to see if we can help. For the month of July, during normal business hours, we will be collecting pull ups and diapers for them at our office. Can you help the mothers and babies who are in need?



**10 SECOND DEFENSE
OF THE PRE-BORN**

*(They are alive, human, and worthy of rights just like you and me)
It seems like if something is growing, then that must be alive.
And if this thing that is growing has two human parents - then it must be human.
And human beings like you and me have an equal right to life. What do you think?*

**JUSTICE FOR ALL LOVE3 -
A SEVEN-HOUR INTERACTIVE
LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

Augustine has been taking the course and highly recommends it. Below are excerpts from the Justice for All (JFA) website. The course will be taught by JFA staff, and you just need access to a computer/phone that has a microphone.

In abortion conversations, some people think you can love the woman in distress or the unborn or the person with whom you're speaking. This is an unnecessary and dangerous division. Instead, you can "Love 3."

With JFA's Love3 Workshops, you can learn to create conversations in which you love the woman, the child, and the person who disagrees with you equally at every moment of every conversation. Experience the thrill of creating a productive conversation with at least one pro-choice advocate within one week of the end of the workshop series. This is the flagship training program of Justice For All (JFA), converted to an online format so anyone anywhere in the world can participate!

Upcoming LOVE3 SERIES (ONLINE)
Thursday Evenings @ 6:30-9:00 PM Central
— "Love3 Workshop Series"— July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2023 — (3 Weeks)

Cedar Rapids

Planned Parenthood is temporarily closing the abortion mill in Cedar Falls while at the same time starting to perform abortions at their Cedar Rapids location. Originally, they just referred for abortions at their Cedar Rapids location, but now they will be performing abortions there. According to several news sources, the Cedar Falls location is closing due to staffing shortages.

Illinois

The Illinois State House and Senate passed a bill SB 1909 in an attempt to criminalize and shut down pregnancy resource centers. It is now at the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. One of the cited reasons for the bill is because "the advertisements and information given by these organizations provide grossly inaccurate or misleading information overstating the risks associated with abortion, including conveying untrue claims that abortion causes cancer or infertility and concealing data that shows the risk of death associated with childbirth is approximately 14 times higher than the risk of death associated with an abortion."



Note: If you would like to know why that claim (risk of death associated with childbirth is approximately 14 times higher than the risk of death associated with an abortion) is false, including that it compares data sets that differ in scope as well as manipulating statistics, you can read more about it at the following link or scan the QR Code: <https://blog.equalrightsinstitute.com/is-abortion-14-times-safer-than-childbirth/>

This proposed law that is at the Governor's desk goes so far as to say that an organization could even be prosecuted if they are "about to use any method, act, or practice, declared by this Act to be unlawful." (Emphasis added) So under this law, pregnancy resource centers can now be prosecuted or shut down if they do not go along with the Illinois State Legislature false claim about the "increased risks of childbirth," or if they give factual information about the risks of abortion. And they can even be prosecuted if it is deemed that they are ABOUT to lie to their clients.

If you live in Illinois, you can call the Governor to let them know how you stand on the bill. If you do not live in Illinois, you can still spread awareness about how far these pro-abortion legislators will go in order to have more abortions.

Update on David Daleiden



Background: David Daleiden is an undercover journalist who went undercover from 2013 to 2015 to prove that Planned Parenthood and its allies were harvesting and reselling for profit, baby body parts obtained through abortions. He founded The Center for Medical Progress in order to pose as a potential buyer when meeting with Planned Parenthood and others executives. You can see some of the undercover footage at the following link <https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/cmplinvestigative-footage/> or scan the QR code.

Per reporting from [Cassy Fiano-Chesser](#) with Live Action, "Daleiden was sued by the National Abortion Federation (NAF) in 2015 seeking to block his undercover footage. A permanent injunction was placed against the release of any of the over 500 hours of recordings at NAF conferences, and Daleiden was forced to pay \$6 million in attorney's fees and costs. He is also still facing criminal charges, filed against him by then-California Attorneys General Kamala Harris and Xavier Becerra, at the urging of NAF and Planned Parenthood. The current injunction means that Daleiden cannot use his footage in the case against him."

On May 17th, 2023, the Thomas More Society filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari (a request to review a lower court decision) with the Supreme Court requesting that David be able to publish the footage of a NAF trade show and the \$6 million in attorney fees awarded to NAF.

AMBASSADORS FOR LIFE

The Ambassadors for Life was started by Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. (DCRTL) to get high school students involved in the pro-life cause and give them an opportunity to gain leadership experience that they will take with them and build upon for the rest of their lives. We are looking for 1-4 students from each school who want to make an impact sharing the pro-life message and are ready to be leaders.

Ambassadors for Life will meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm for 1.5 hours. The Ambassadors for Life three pillars are Activism, Formation, and Fun. By participating in The Ambassadors for Life, you will not only be helping build a culture that respects LIFE, but with the experience you will also have things you can talk about in future job, college, and scholarship applications. If you are interested, or want to learn more, contact Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org or 563-556-5960.




OUTREACH EVENT IN DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE

On Saturday, June 17th, Grace Van Petten and Juliana Mace went to the Emancipation Day Celebration Family Picnic in Downtown Dubuque to spread awareness of DCRTL and the options available for mothers in unplanned pregnancies. Thanks to both of them for their joyful representation!!




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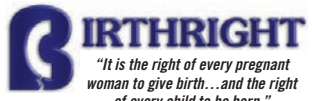
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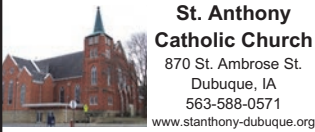


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Jer. 1:5



*"Before I formed you in the
womb,
I knew you..."*



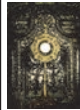
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and before you were born I consecrated you."*
Jeremiah 1:5

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