



Life Saver Sunday Preparation



We are looking for help putting stickers on Life Savers to prepare for our annual Life Saver Sunday event in the local churches. We will be hosting a volunteer day on Tuesday, September 12th from 1-3 pm. This is also a project you're able to do at home and return to our office for those who are unable to attend the volunteer day. Please call the office (563-556-5960) or email us (dcrtl@dcrtl.org) if you're interested in volunteering.



Life Chain - Sunday, October 1 2:00 PM



Please join area pro-lifers on Sunday, October 1st at one of our local Life Chains. Signs will be provided. The Life Chain is a national effort with thousands of cities participating. It is a peaceful, prayerful witness to our belief in the sanctity of all human life. We will be praying for the millions of victims of abortion and all women in unplanned pregnancies, that they receive the good help that they deserve. We will also pray for all public officials, and for a deeper respect for the ill, the handicapped, and the aged. You need not address anyone, just stand holding a sign with a message of your choosing. Stand up for life with tens of thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada.

Dubuque: Highway 20 at Bluff Street (Proceed on Bluff St towards Rt 20 and you will come upon a little gravel lot on your right side where you will pull into to park. (Staff will arrive at 1:30 so you should see others there already). For those who will plug it into their phones, it is directly across the street from 22 Bluff St, Dubuque, IA. Please call the office if you have questions.

Dyersville: Highway 136 at Beckman High School, 1325 9th St SE, Dyersville, IA 52040



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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.

September 2023

Monday, September 4th	Labor Day - DCRTL office closed
Saturday, September 9th	11th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children (<i>see prayer on page 6</i>)
Monday, September 11th	Grant County Right to Life Introductory Workshop 6 PM
Tuesday, September 12th	Lifesaver Volunteer Day DCRTL Office 1 PM
Wednesday, September 13th	Ambassadors for Life meeting 6:15 PM DCRTL Office
Thursday, September 14th	Board of Directors meeting
Friday, September 22nd	Deadline to register for Equipped for Life seminar
Saturday, September 23rd	Setup Cemetery of the Innocents Divine Word College 9 AM
Monday, September 25th	Equipped for Life Course Seminar Begins (Dinner included) 6 PM DCRTL Office
Thursday, September 28th	Holy Hour for Respect Life 7 PM (<i>St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta</i>)

October 2023

Sunday, October 1	Lifesaver & Life Chain Sunday
Wednesday, October 4th	40 Days for Life @ Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City 2 PM (<i>see page 7</i>)
Saturday, October 7th	Movie Night at St. Columbkille's 6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 10th	40 Days for Life at White Water Park in Manchester 10 AM (<i>see page 7</i>)
Wednesday October 11th	Ambassadors for Life Meeting 6:15 PM DCRTL Office
Mon-Fri October 16-20	Pro-Life Awareness Week (<i>see page 8</i>)
Tuesday, October 24th	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 26th	Holy Hour for Respect Life 7 PM (<i>St. John the Baptist Church, Peosta</i>)



A NOTE FROM AUGUSTINE PAYNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, Dubuque County Right To Life supporters,

As this is our first newsletter following the Fair, I'd like to welcome all of our new readers who joined our organization at the Fair! This month, I would like to share with everyone the impact you have made on people who believe that abortion should be legal.

This was the first year DCRTL held a Poll Table at the County Fair. The Poll Table had a poster board with the question, "should abortion remain legal?" People were able to vote with candy by putting the candy or the candy wrapper (if they wanted to eat the candy) in the corresponding jar. We did this to promote dialogue on the issue using the tools learned from the Equipped for Life seminar. Many people who passed by liked the idea, and we were able to have great conversations.

Below is the feedback we have received from Kris Pregler, one of the participants in the Equipped for Life Seminar who then went out to chat with people at the Poll Table.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to become more involved with an issue that I am passionate about.

I was also given the glorious opportunity to change some minds about Pro-Life and what it really means to the life of an innocent child. There were several young ladies and young men who voted YES because they feel that abortion should remain legal. However, after discussions with them on what that meant, a lot of them changed their stance to either NO or IT DEPENDS based on showing them the stages of pregnancy pamphlets.

One young lady specifically stands out in my time working the booth. She said that at first, she had the right to do whatever she wanted with her body. She was about 16 or 17 years old. After walking her through the different stages of pregnancy and even trotting out the toddler, she completely changed her mind and felt that no one has the right to kill an unborn child from conception to full term. She left with a smile on her face and information on how to contact DCRTL to become more involved. It is my prayer that she will."

Kris is obviously making an impact by having great dialogues, which will, in time, change culture. She was not the only one who had a transformative experience. Everyone who worked a shift at the table had an impact on people's thoughts on abortion.

This is all made possible because of YOUR donations! I want to thank you for your support and the positive impact you are having on our culture!

We want to continue the momentum that has been started. Grace has been a great help in building a culture of Life during her summer internship, and we are excited she will continue to be part of the team part-time as Outreach Associate as she continues her education at Loras College. We are also excited to have Grant Bonnet from the University of Dubuque intern with us part-time as part of his education in politics.

We are on a mission to make abortion unthinkable, and I thank you for your generosity to make that happen.

Augustine Payne

Other Ways to Donate to DCRTL That Could Have Further Potential Tax Benefits

More Bang For Your Buck! Are you interested in donating to Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. and saving some money in the process? You can donate appreciated stock to DCRTL and you don't have to pay the capital gains tax. Similarly, those who qualify can donate to DCRTL the minimum required distribution from an IRA and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. If you are interested, please contact the DCRTL office for more information or consult your tax advisor.

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- Tom and Beth Simpson for the Post It Notes.
- Art Gilloon for the office supplies,
- Lonnie & Gary Switzer for misc. soaps and cleaning supplies
- Joan Meyer for the knitted blankets for mothers in need.

DCRTL Annual Picnic

It was a little warm, but delicious food and great company at our annual picnic. Thanks to all those who came out and made it a wonderful evening! Thank you to Gavin Nelson for preparing the BBQ meat!

County Fair Volunteers: Kris Pregler, Jerry & Bonnie Spiegel, Emmy Sharaan, Darby Callahan, Joel Glennon, Colleen Myers, Mary Konrardy, Sara Brehm, Kerry Koopman, Brian Day, Ellen Markham, Carla Kasal, Rich Meiscke, Paul & Jean Blaser, Art Gilloon, Al Troupe, Brad Hesselbacher, Anand Mark, Kathy Slinger, Pat Thies, Helen Koopmann, Adeleine Roland, Molly Payne, Mandy Brennan, and Grace Van Petten

Clarity Clinic has sent us a handwritten letter thanking all of our members who donated diapers. The letter reads, "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for donating diapers and wipes to us and always being supportive. We appreciate all your help and serving our clients needs. God bless!" It is always great to see the support our members give to others, and we would like to pass the appreciation onto all who have donated.



PRO-LIFE COURT & LEGISLATION UPDATE

by Art Gilloon, DCRTL Board Member & Attorney



Dear Pro Life Friends:

Most state legislatures are in summer recess. There have been some newsworthy court/legislative events. However, some were good and some were bad.

So some good news first. As reported in the August newsletter, the Indiana State legislature passed a pro-life bill in a special session in September 2022, following the United States Supreme Court ruling in the Dobbs case. The law protected pre-born people from being killed by abortion except in the case of fetal health issues, and in cases of rape or incest. In those cases abortions could not be performed after 20 weeks and 10 weeks, respectively. All other abortions were prohibited. As always, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU challenged the law in court, seeking to block the law while it worked its way through the court system. Then the Indiana Supreme Court ruled on June 30, 2023 that the law could go into effect. That decision directly led to the closure of most of the abortion clinics in Indiana. But as they usually do, the ACLU and Planned Parenthood asked for a rehearing in front of the same Indiana Supreme Court, so the law continued to be blocked. The good news is that on August 21, 2023, in a 4-1 ruling, the Indiana Supreme Court denied the rehearing request from the pro-abortion lawyers. Result? The protective pro-life legislation passed by the people of Indiana through their legislature will finally go into effect while the underlying lawsuit proceeds through the courts.

Now a little bad news. An Ohio vote to raise the required majority to amend its state constitution recently failed. This does not bode well for a vote this Fall that will determine whether the Ohio constitution is amended to allow abortion on demand up to birth. There is much work to do in Ohio in advance of that vote. Meanwhile, Nebraska's pro-abortion zealots are planning on filing preliminary paperwork to amend Nebraska's state constitution to allow for abortion on demand up to the moment of birth. This follows upon the heels of Nebraska passing legislation last May to protect pre-born people from abortion after 12 weeks gestation. Our neighbors to the west will need to rally in opposition to this baby-killing and women-harming effort by the death peddlers.

Now, some news that is a mix of good and bad. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Texas recently ruled unanimously that while a lawsuit goes through the court system concerning the FDA's approval of abortion pills, these death pills cannot be sent through the mail. Moreover, the cut off point for taking these chemical abortion pills will be seven weeks gestation, not 10 weeks. So the good news is that the Texas Federal Appeals Court voted to protect preborn people more than 7 weeks old and their moms from the death pills. The bad news is that this ruling will be appealed to the US Supreme Court, who likely will not decide on it until June of 2024. In the meantime, the Court of Appeals pro-life ruling is blocked by an April, 2023 Supreme Court interim Order that allows Mifeprestone to be sold in the United States.

Keep reading, watching the news, and relying on Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. to provide education and accurate information on life issues.

Arthur F. Gilloon



Gather your teams! Trivia Night will be Saturday, November 11th, at St. Columbkille's Parish Hall (1240 Rush St. Dubuque). 5:00 pm - doors open 7:00 pm - games begin. Food will be provided by the Knights of Columbus for a \$5 donation. BYOB if desired. Teams are groups of 8 and under. Register by calling the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dctrl@dctrl.org.

Meet Our New Fall Part-Time Intern



Hello, my name is Grant Bonet and I'm very happy to become a part of this organization that is changing and saving lives in the place that I call home. I am a student at the University of Dubuque and I am majoring in politics, and I hope that one day I'll be able to make the world a better place for the people who live in it. As a lifelong Catholic, I believe that all life is precious and sacred, and that there is no life more precious than that of an infant child. I'm hoping to do good work with Dubuque County Right to Life this semester.

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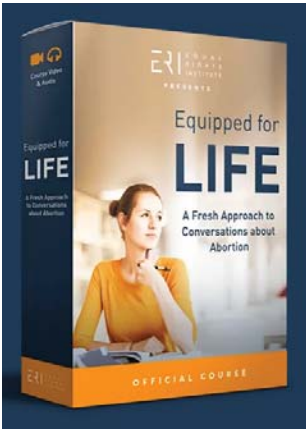
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Our nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to the general membership at the November 2nd membership meeting (held at our office – 2205 Carter Rd., Dubuque, IA). Nominations from the floor, by any DCRTL member in good standing, will be accepted during the meeting as well. All DCRTL members are eligible to vote, but must do so in person at the meeting or by calling the office on November 2nd.



Prayer of Mourning for Victims of Abortion

Almighty Father, we pray today to remember those precious preborn babies whose lives were cut short because our nation failed to recognize their value and to protect them. We thank you for the beautiful words Our Lord Jesus spoke in His Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." And so we do mourn the loss of so many preborn lives. And yet we find comfort in your love and compassion and in our conviction that Jesus loves the little children. We pray that these victims of society's callous policy of expediency are now safe in your loving arms, and that they know that we love them, and mourn that they never had the opportunity to show the world who they are. Lord, we know that at this very moment, in abortion clinics all over America, precious preborn babies are in danger of a horrendous death. We pray in fervent hope that someone will intercede for these little ones to spare their lives. But in the event their mothers choose abortion, we pray that you, as Father of all, will take these little ones into your arms. Lord, we pray for our nation, that with Your grace and the tireless work of those of us who value each and every human life, the United States will reject abortion and become a country that appreciates and welcomes every child, no matter the circumstances of his or her conception. We pray for the mothers of these babies that they come to recognize the tragedy of the choices they made and to turn to you for forgiveness and healing. We pray for the fathers of these babies that they mourn the loss of their fatherhood and the duty they had to protect their children, and that they turn to you and ask for forgiveness. We pray for the doctors, nurses and clinic staff involved in the death of these babies, that they turn away from the abortion industry and open their hearts to learn compassion for the innocent preborn victims of abortion. On this day, Lord, more than forty years after the sad day that Roe v. Wade legalized the killing of preborn babies, we ask You to give us renewed energy and hope that our nation will once again know a day when all life is sacred and protected in law. We ask all these things in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen



The Equipped for Life Course Seminar

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.

Begins September 25 - November 6th (6 weeks - we will take off October 16th for PLA week) 6 - 7:30pm - Mondays - DCRTL Office

In order to allow for people to attend, this is FREE and Dinner is included. Kids are welcome.

Please register by Friday, September 22nd.

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

Here is a testimonial from one of our members after taking this course:

We liked the compassionate approach from the Equipped For Life Seminar. It leads into a dialogue vs. an attack on the other person for having a differing opinion. We believe this approach will be more thought provoking. It has been very easy for us to share the 4 steps with other pro-lifers and has been met with great interest and they have expressed interest in taking the class. We feel far more prepared to have a calm discussion with a person who is pro-choice and the various scenarios they could present. We found the course to be very worthwhile.



Would you like to help create awareness and pray for the closing of nearby abortion clinics? We will be helping three 40 Days for Life campaigns in Iowa that are closest to us. We will do two hour shifts at each site. Please join us for one, two, or all three days listed below. We will meet at the office and carpool to the location unless you would like to meet us at the location. Call the office at 563-556-5960 to RSVP so we know how many to expect.

The dates are:

Wednesday, October 4th at the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

- Meet at the office by 12:15pm for the carpool

Tuesday, October 10th at White Water Park in Manchester from 10:00am - 12:00pm. There is no abortion clinic in Manchester. We will be across the street from City Hall.

- Meet at the office by 9:00am for the carpool

Friday, November 3rd at the Planned Parenthood in Cedar Rapids from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

- Meet at the office by 11:30am for the carpool



We will also continue our trips to Emma Goldman abortion mill in Iowa City on Thursday morning. The Carpool leaves from our office at 5:40am and returns around noon.

Grant County Right to Life Workshop

Have you ever avoided difficult conversations on abortion or other contentious issues for fear of saying the wrong thing, making matters worse, or appearing to lack empathy? If so, this session is for you! You'll learn three tips for initiating positive, genuine conversations and persuasive yet kind ways to encourage people to challenge their views. On Monday, September 11th from 6-7:30pm, Grant County Right to Life is hosting DCRTL's Executive Director, Augustine Payne, for an introductory workshop titled, "Let's Talk: Having Impactful Conversations with Pro-Choice People". This is a free event hosted at the Mound City Bank Motor Branch Meeting Room. (90 S. Second Street, Platteville WI) We ask you to please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Platteville Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be served.



PLA Week - Emily Albrecht



Emily Albrecht is Director of Education & Outreach at Equal Rights Institute (ERI). At ERI, she is using her educational background to write, develop curriculum, and teach pro-life advocates how to change minds, save lives, and promote a culture of life in their communities. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently presents lectures on college campuses, in high schools, and for churches and conferences, and she regularly appears in interviews and radio/TV/podcasts, including appearances on MSNBC, BBC Newsday, EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, Christianity Today, and Real Presence LIVE.

There will be three opportunities to hear Emily speak:

Join us for the luncheon on Tuesday, October 17th, from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Dubuque Golf and Country Club. Doors open at 11:30am and lunch will begin at noon. Registration is \$20 per person, payable at the door.

There will also be two evening talks which are open to the public on Monday, October 16th at UW-Platteville and Thursday, October 19th at Loras College. Both of the evening talks are pending final details and will be included in our October Newsletter.

DCRTL on the The Chatter Radio show with guest Abby Johnson

KCRD Radio Show, The Chatter, co-hosted by Tom Oglesby and Colleen Pasnic, hosted Abby Johnson, Augustine Payne, and Art Gilloon. If you did not hear it live on the radio, you can listen to it by going to www.kcrd-fm.org/chatter and it is episode 94.



Movie Night - Unplanned

In conjunction with the 40 Days for Life vigils, DCRTL is hosting a showing of the movie Unplanned on Saturday October 7th at St. Columbkille's parish. Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation from Director at Planned Parenthood to an outspoken advocate for life with 40 Days for Life. This is a free showing, with popcorn and refreshments provided.

Tuesday, October 7th - 6:30 PM
St. Columbkille Parish
1240 Rush St., Dubuque



This is an R rated movie and due to graphic imagery of the abortion pill process, this film may not be suitable for young children. Parental discretion is advised.



Having fun at DCRTL's 2023 Summer Picnic

Volunteers interacting with visitors at the DCRTL table at the 2023 Dubuque County Fair

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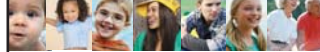
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