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Breakfast Fundraiser

Remember to join us on **Sunday, January 13, 2019** at the Knights of Columbus breakfast fundraiser benefitting our cause, from **8:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at the **K of C Hall, 1021 Woodside, Essexville**. It's a delicious offering of all your favorite breakfast foods, some made individually to order! ☺ Select from assorted meats, scrambled eggs, omelets, waffles, pancakes, potatoes, toast, fruit and beverages. Invite your family and friends for this awesome brunch experience. Admission is \$8 adults; \$4 for children 6 to 12 years, and free for children 5 and under. Thanks KC #2740!

Annual Prayer Vigil

Bring a friend and come to our Prayer Vigil to mark the 46th anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion via Roe VS Wade. Please join us on **Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish (St. James Church), 710 Columbus Avenue**. Parking is available south and west of the church as well as on the street.

Mark Your New Calendars Now for Our 2019 Dinner!

As announced at our recent Focus on Life dinner, the 2019 Focus on Life Dinner is already scheduled for Thursday, October 3. Please mark your calendar now, let your friends and family know so they can join you, and watch for full details and registration information to come.

When online, read our website, join our email network or "like" our Facebook page. Educate yourself via the internet to keep updated on local prolife events and news flashes. **STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED.**

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens (Ecc 3). This is one of my favorite bible verses and is well suited at this time in my life. I will be stepping down as President of Bay County Right to Life after 13 years. In March, I accepted the position of Field Representative for Right to Life of Michigan; staying on for a new term as President would have created a conflict of interest. I am not leaving entirely --- I will serve on the Board of Directors. It has been an honor to serve as President, but it is time to hand the reins over to the very capable hands of Teresa Villano. Teresa has served on the Board for the last few years and has been involved even longer. She was one of the people responsible for bringing the 40 Days for Life Campaign to our area and for its growth and success. I am confident that Teresa will do an outstanding job as your new President. Please join me in congratulating and thanking Teresa for taking on this responsibility.

Please take a moment and read this newsletter closely. There is a lot of information, plus opportunities for you to get involved. January is a busy month with our Membership Drive, vigil, K of C Breakfast, to

mention a few events; information for all is included. Also, you will find an election report. Things are not as bad as they seem and, if you take the time to look at election numbers closely, you will see every vote does count. You can go to this link <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Clerk/2018-Election-Information.aspx> that gives you precinct-by-precinct totals; it truly is a wealth of information.

I would like to end this article by thanking you all for your support and prayers over the years, and kindly ask that you continue to pray for the Board of Directors of Bay County Right to Life. Not only is 2019 a transitional year, we also lost one of our long-time board members unexpectedly, earlier this year, which has left a large void, and we have two other board members that will be stepping down. But, I am glad to report that we have added a new board member, too. God always has a plan. Inside this newsletter you will also find a list of the new Board of Directors. Maybe it is time for you to consider actively joining us in this fight.

God Bless,
Lisa Goss

Your 2019 Board of Directors

President – Teresa Villano
Vice President – Sharon Pagryzinski
Secretary – Kathy Ratajczak
Treasurer – Cheryl Campbell

Board Member at Large – Dave Studniarz
Board Member at Large – Lisa Goss
Board Member at Large – Denise Davidson
Board Member at Large – Marianne Koerber

Memorials and Donations

We would like to thank Raymond and Joyce Furtaw for their donation in memoriam of Richard Roberts. Please accept our most sincere sympathy.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

Our most heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our 2018 Annual Focus on Life Dinner – whether as a sponsor, attendee, volunteer, participant or donor. It was exciting to see that our attendance was up and we were very close to capacity! Our speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, and all of the presentations were very well received. Those sounds echoed for weeks afterwards ... right through the election!

Thank you to Our Lady of Peace Parish for their support of our Cherish Life Project. Their donations were gathered during October – as part of their observance of Respect Life month.

Many individuals and groups came out to pray in front of the abortion clinic in Saginaw during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Thank you to one and all who gave up their time for an hour or more, for one or more days, to impact change. Thank you also for everyone who came to join with others at the three Sunday rallies. We were definitely noticed --- standing for life.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Please remember to reserve some of your advertising dollars for our 2019 Conference books! Contacts will be made during the first quarter of the year. Any questions, please get in touch with us.

Membership

One of the most effective and efficient ways to express your concern about abortion and rationing of care is to make your voice heard as one of many. You can do this by joining Bay County Right to Life. As an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan, we can educate the general public, assist pastors and religious leaders, share with one voice the prolife message of the value of life with students and elected officials. There is strength in unity. **Membership in Bay County Right to Life is due yearly.** Turn your concern into action. Do your part. Become a supporter of the strongest prolife voice in Michigan and Bay County. **Please send in your membership for 2019 today.**

BAY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019

\$100 (gold) \$50 (silver) \$25 (bronze) \$18 (family) \$12 (individual)

\$8 (senior citizen) \$15 (senior couple) \$ (other gift)

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This year our local group held our second 40 Days for Life campaign. We teamed up with Midland and Saginaw Counties' RTL boards and Beacon of Hope for the most successful campaign yet! We had more volunteers sign up, a kick-off rally, mid-point rally and end rally that tripled our attendance from last year! Once again, we had local prisoners praying overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and volunteers outside of the clinic from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We had people stop by to say "Hi," "Thank you" for what we were doing, and that because of caring people like us, they would never choose abortion. Most exciting of all was the first "save" that our campaign has experienced! Thank you to all who participated in some way. Look for information in the months to come to join in the next campaign with us!

Election 2018 Perspective

Election Day 2018 will certainly go down in history as an unusual midterm experience. Turnout in Michigan was HUGE, an increase of 872,460 votes from the previous two, shattering a 56-year-old record. The vote to legalize recreational marijuana use contributed greatly to this increase, and many votes were cast at the top of the ticket for candidates agreeing with proponents of this issue.

Fortunately, despite the fact that we now have an activist pro-abortion governor, both the State House and State Senate will remain prolife. **We can still pass prolife legislation.** Expect to be hearing more about "citizen-initiated legislation" in the coming months! As Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing put it, "Elections come, and elections go, yet we will remain steadfast. We are already looking ahead and preparing for the future."

Statewide, pro-life supporters worked hard at the grassroots level, making 2.6 million voter contacts on behalf of the innocent unborn child. This was done by knocking on doors, making phone calls, sending out candidate mail, posting/viewing social media, supporting TV and radio ads, and endorsing pro-life candidates. Of the 230 pro-life state endorsements, 79.13% of those races were won. Our efforts were worthwhile.

We must stand firm and not be dissuaded from finishing such life-saving work! Full steam ahead in 2019!

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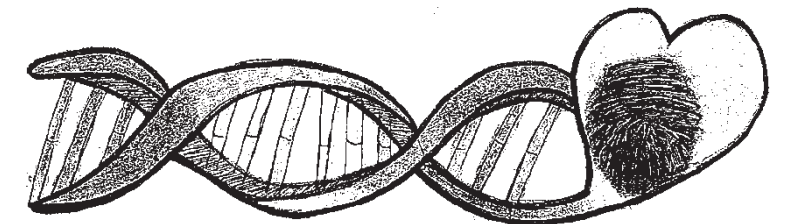
Prayer Vigil for Life

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7pm.

All Saints Parish (St. James Church)

710 Columbus, Bay City

Fr. Jose Cabrera, Presider



Join us for an evening of prayer and reflection based on theme of the 2019 March for Life:

"Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science"