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### June Meeting Cancelled!

Due to the important regional training session scheduled on our usual meeting night, **our June 11 meeting is cancelled.** Board members and others interested in learning specifics about the upcoming petition drive will be attending the training. If you wish to be trained to help circulate petitions, please contact us for complete information.

### Petition Drive

The petition drive to overturn Governor Whitmore's veto of the dismemberment ban bill takes place from June through December. Be alert to sign when volunteers are available in your neighborhood.

### 40 Days for Life

This year's campaign happens September 25 through November 3 throughout the tri-counties and the world! Begin praying and considering how God may be calling you to be involved.

### Plan Now to Attend Our 2019 Dinner!

Please mark your calendars, reserve a table or get tickets for yourself, your family, friends and/or faith community for this year's Focus on Life Dinner, Thursday, October 3.

**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.**

All hands on deck!!!

It is hard to turn on the news without seeing a headline about the abortion issue, from states passing heartbeat bills to states passing bills allowing women to abort their child even while in labor. It is truly the topic of the day. The issue is complex as various groups seek to influence legislative outcomes. Please take time to read this entire newsletter carefully. Learn why Right to Life of Michigan (RLM) has chosen to move forward with a dismemberment ban rather than a fetal heartbeat bill. Get local updates, too.

Michigan is fortunate to have a longstanding law on the books that makes ALL abortions illegal. Since 1846, this ban on abortions has withstood court challenges. Two 1973 US Supreme Court rulings have caused our law to be only partially enforceable, though. However, once Roe vs. Wade is overturned, which appears to be on the horizon, and the issue of abortion is rightfully returned to the states to be decided, our law will once again be in force. Therefore, we do not need to pass a heartbeat bill because we already ban ALL abortions.

RLM is instead gearing up for a citizen's petition drive to override the inevitable veto by Governor Whitmore, of the State House and Senate approved dismemberment ban bill. This bill would amend the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, to include a ban on all dismemberment abortions. A D&E procedure, as Planned Parenthood refers to it, is a barbaric practice performed on women 14 to 24 weeks pregnant. It literally tears the limbs off the baby piece by piece. To learn more, I suggest you google Dr. Tony Lavintino or visit <https://rtl.org/>.

The legislation to ban dismemberment abortions, once enacted, should hold up in court if contested; heartbeat bills may not. It will also

continue shining a spotlight on how extreme Roe vs. Wade actually is. It may also illuminate how confusing medical, legal, and ethical duties of physicians have become, as they take an oath to preserve and promote life.

Locally, our hearts were broken when our own Bay County Representative, Brian Elder, voted against the dismemberment ban bill. Mr. Elder was endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan PAC in 2016, but refused their endorsement in 2018. It is obvious that Mr. Elder has had a change of heart. As a House Judiciary Committee member and again on the full floor vote in Lansing, he voted against the dismemberment ban bill. We, at Bay County Right to Life, are very disappointed in Representative Elder. He has betrayed his constituents that elected him, believing he was pro-life. Our community has the right to know that he no longer can be trusted to vote in favor of LIFE.

Thank you to all the churches who are currently participating in our Cherish Life/baby bottle project. Please let your pastors know that we will be having a pastor appreciation event in August this year, in thanks for all of their support of the pro-life movement.

Now, more than ever, we need all hands on deck!! We will need every pro-life person in Bay County to stand up for Life if we are to defeat the evils of abortion and infanticide that the other side is working so hard to normalize. One of my favorite quotes is from Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." We need all "good men" and women to do something!

God Bless,

Teresa Villano, President  
 Bay County Right to Life

## Memorials and Donations

Thank you to the following people for their donations in memory of their friends and loved ones:

- ♥ Mark Petrimoulx, Stan and Marcia Leavitt in memory of their mother, Marguerite Petrimoulx.
- ♥ Donald and Nanette Campbell in memory of Dorothy Luttrell.
- ♥ John and Eldine Parent in memory of Anne Trahan.
- ♥ Dave Studniarz in memory of his sister, Susan Asselin.

Please accept our most sincere sympathy.

Thank you Knights of Columbus Council #2740 for their donation to us in place of the promised breakfast fundraiser, when a scheduling snafu prevented that from taking place earlier this year.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

We appreciate everyone who turned out despite the horrendous weather on the evening of January 22 to pray with us in vigil as we remembered and marked the anniversary of Roe V Wade. We are also grateful to Melissa and Mikayla Davert for sharing their experiences and unique perspective on life issues. Special thanks to Fr. Jose Cabrera for presiding, sharing his historic Bible and the genealogy section, and for hosting us at All Saints Parish.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the support from the following businesses, churches and individuals who have purchased an ad for the 2019 Right to Life Conference Book: All Saints Athletic Club, Al Bierlein, Bellon Accounting, Gephart Funeral Home, J & K Income Tax Service, James Phillips Law Office, Colby's Coin Laundry, McCoy Heating & Cooling, Neetz Printing, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Prince of Peace Parish, and Terminue Brake & Muffler Shop. Thank you for publicly standing with us to support life.

## 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.**

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### BAY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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## Citizen's Petition Drive

Teresa's front-page letter refers to a citizen's petition drive. Regional trainings will soon be taking place throughout Michigan, enabling local Right to Life affiliate groups to learn the latest details for circulating petitions under new state regulations. Our group will host this region's session. We are confident the efforts will succeed, as RLM petition drives have overwhelmingly done so in 1987, 1990, 2004, and 2013.

## Help Us Save Money!

You can help us to stretch our resources by providing us with your email address. This will enable you to receive your newsletters in a more timely fashion and help us to reduce the costs for printing and snail mailing them to you. As postal rates continue to increase, this savings will be significant. Just email us, call, or send in the form from page 2. Thank you so very much!



We are hosting our third 40 Days for Life campaign, outside the local abortion clinic in Saginaw. The movie "Unplanned" demonstrates the importance of this prayer effort on those affected by abortion. Our tri-county campaign, with Saginaw and Midland, is set to kick off September 25, 2019. Our open rally will be held Sunday, September 22, 2019. Stay tuned for more details in the months ahead. Please consider joining us this year for even just an hour. With prayer, all things are possible.

The international 40 Days for Life campaign spans more than 350 locations. Formed in 2007, it is the largest pro-life mobilization in history, assisting local communities in ending the injustice of abortion. Thousands of women and children have been saved through the work of 40 Days for Life and hundreds of employees have left the abortion industry. Bay County Right to Life is proud to be a part of this ambitious undertaking.



## Pastor Appreciation Event

This August we will be having an appreciation event for pastors of local churches who support the efforts of Bay County Right to Life. We want to thank our local clergy for all they do to promote a culture of life. More information will be coming next month regarding location, date and time.

## Focus on Life 2019 Annual Benefit Dinner

We anticipate an excellent evening when Hannah Rose Allen will be the featured speaker at our Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner on October 3. Raised in a pro-life family, this young woman discovered that being pro-life needs to be a personal conviction and not a vague philosophy.

Hannah Rose has a unique perspective on the issue of abortion. She experienced two unplanned pregnancies, one in which she chose life and lost her daughter shortly before birth. Even though her daughter, Lily, never spoke a word or took a breath, Lily taught her the sanctity of each life and that choosing life is the better choice. A choice without regret.



Plan now to join us at Lumber Barons, 804 E. Midland Street, Bay City for your opportunity to see Hannah Rose and hear her story. Reservation fliers can be printed from our website.