



## BAY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

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Blessings upon you and your family as we enter this New Year!

The pro-life culture has moved in a positive direction this past year! Pro-life citizens, like you, accomplished the overwhelming task of collecting the necessary number of signatures to proceed forward with banning the horrific procedure known as Dismemberment Abortion. Despite the devil's presence within our pro-life movement, we have submitted the signed petitions to the Board of State Canvassers and await the Dismemberment Ban legislation to move to the lawmakers of Michigan. At the national level, our current leadership has appointed a pro-life Supreme Court Justice and multiple lower court judges. This has helped to create a judicial system that will promote a culture of life.

As we reflect on the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe vs Wade, our annual Sanctity of Life Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. on January 22, 2020, at the Great Lakes Dream Center. Please

come out to remember the souls of the children aborted in Michigan, especially from Bay County, this past year.

Please consider joining Bay County RTL, as we enter this 2020 election year. We need to continue to support pro-life leaders from the local to national government level. We will be providing a Right to Life of Michigan PAC endorsed pro-life voters' guide to assist you in making life affirming voting decisions. We need your physical help, financial support and, most importantly, your prayers to continue our mission.

Thank you for all your support this past year. We know that we are providing the Truth regarding all pro-life issues from conception to natural death. We could not have done all that we did this past year without each and every one of you!

Blessings on the New Year!  
Teresa Villano  
President Bay County RTL

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### ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Please remember to reserve some of your advertising dollars for our 2020 Conference books! Contacts will be made during the first quarter of the year. Any questions, please get in touch with us.

## Memorials and Donations

We thank these generous people for their donations:

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## 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 2020 today.**

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### BAY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP FORM 2020

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

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

I want to help. Please contact me.  Please remove me from your list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our most heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our 2019 Annual Focus on Life Dinner – whether as a sponsor, attendee, volunteer, participant or donor. It was very well attended, and many new faces were there. Hannah Rose Allen, our speaker, touched so many with her quiet, personal story. We are working to eliminate the distracting noise from downstairs for next year.

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.

### **An Opportunity to Help**

We are looking for a person to repair and paint the crosses that we use during our annual cross display. If your heart inspires you to give of your time for a worthy cause, please email us at baycountyrfl@gmail.com.



Our third annual 40 Days for Life fall campaign was a great success. Partnering with Saginaw County and Midland County Right to Life affiliates and the Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, we made our voice known to the local Women's Center, of our opposition to abortion. Each year, we know from stories we hear, that we are changing mothers' minds about abortion and making a difference. Our rallies held at the Beacon of Hope brought out like-minded people to shower prayers on the abortion clinic. Our midpoint rally blessed the Beacon of Hope with diapers from attendees and hand-made baby blankets from the women's prison in Ypsilanti. Our prison ministry was a huge success, as prisoners from the local prison prayed from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. In addition, prisoners from Lapeer also prayed and held vigil to end abortion. Thank you to all who were able to participate in any way in our Fall campaign!

## **Banning Dismemberment Abortions**

“Are you a Michigan Registered voter?” “Have you had the opportunity to sign Right to Life of Michigan’s petition?” or “Will you sign and help us end dismemberment abortions?”

You probably have heard one of these questions asked of you in the last 180 days. Hopefully you took the opportunity to sign the Michigan Values Life petition, headed by Right to Life of Michigan, to end dismemberment abortions.

Bay County Right to Life volunteers were out and about since June 26<sup>th</sup> collecting signatures. We were able to gather over 7,000 signatures in less than 180 days!! Thank you to all the churches; close to 40 churches did signature drives. We were allowed to collect signatures at a handful of bazaars, fish fries, harvest dinners and other events. You may have also seen us at River of Time, Summer Concerts, ball games or perhaps in front of the State Theatre. Needless to say, it has been a busy 180 days. We are so appreciative of all the positive feedback; the support and prayers mean more to each volunteer than you will ever know. It is not easy to collect signatures, some people who do not see LIFE the way we do, do not always have the kindest words for us. So, your kind words make the unkind words bearable.

Our work is not done yet, we still need to keep praying that the 379,418 signatures submitted by Right to Life of Michigan will be found to be valid and that we have reached the magic number of 340,047 valid signatures. As we look back over these past 180 days, we are honored to have been part of this petition drive, which, if successful, will put an end to one of the most barbaric procedures known to man. We heard numerous times from people “How can this be going on?” and “I cannot believe we have to make this illegal.” Sadly, it does happen, over 1,900 times right here in Michigan in 2018 and it is legal. We now ask for your continued prayers that all the signatures and hard work will be found successful.

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## Annual Prayer Vigil

Plan now to attend our Prayer Vigil to mark the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion via Roe VS Wade. Bring a friend and learn about what our Bay County community does to support those with unexpected pregnancies. Please join us on **Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. at Great Lakes Dream Center, 700 Lafayette Avenue.**

Parking is available East of the center as well as on the street.

## Pastor Appreciation Lunch

Our annual Pastor Appreciation Lunch is tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., location to be announced. Pastors, please reserve the date and plan on coming to learn more about what is happening locally in the pro-life movement.

## Mark Your New Calendars Now for Our 2020 Dinner!

As announced at our recent dinner, the 2020 Focus on Life Dinner is already scheduled for Thursday, October 1. 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.**