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Friends for Life**



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President's Note:

The momentum is continuing. President Trump is on his way to becoming the most pro-life president in history. Read on to get the latest in Pro-Life news. Please get involved – donate, pray, or volunteer.

Your FFL Board President,

Crystal Latimer (440) 466-7441

Coming Events

(Reg. meetings are at Gateway Church, Austinburg Rd)
Tuesday, March 20 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM
Tuesday, May 8 – Election Day – please vote!
Tuesday, May 15 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM
Tuesday, July 17 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM
August 7-12 – Ashtabula County Fair - visit us
Tuesday, Sept. 18 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM
Thursday, November 15 – Dinner with Friends

Annual Membership Renewal

On the back of this newsletter you will find a tear-off section to fill in and send back with your membership fee. Like many non-profit organizations, Friends for Life struggles to make ends meet. One way to help out is to choose your level of membership, bronze, silver or gold, and know that you are helping to make a difference. There were 110 tiny Ashtabula County citizens aborted in 2016 and we are striving to make that figure shrink until it is zero. So we invite you to become a member and make a difference!

Bringing America Back to Life

Cleveland Right to Life will hold their premier annual pro-life conference on March 9 & 10 in Independence, OH. Representatives from Ashtabula County Friends for Life will be attending, and you can come, too! It is at the Embassy Suites, just off Rockside Road, off of Route 77 South. To register, visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org.

Membership Level

Check one **Bronze (\$10)**
 Silver (\$25)
 Gold (\$50)

Make check payable to Friends for Life and mail to PO Box 242, Geneva, 44041
Include your email address if you would like to receive newsletters electronically.

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Friends for Life on Television???

Friends for Life has been invited to be on the TV show "Sunrise" on Conneaut cable channel 6. Conneaut residents that have Spectrum can watch on channel 1024. The show will air live at 9:00 am on Friday, February 23rd. Tune in and watch!

2017 March for Life, Wash DC

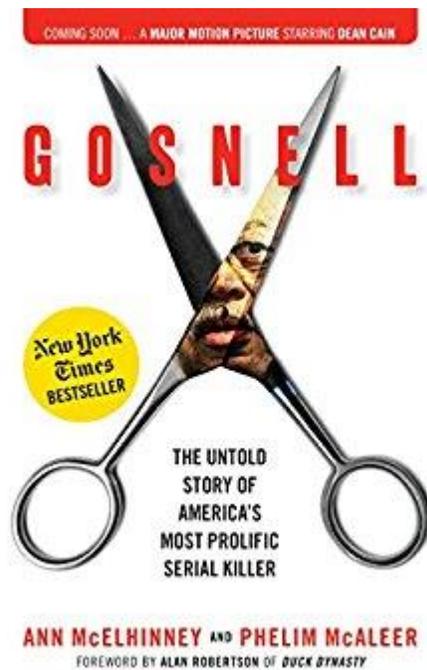
Pro-life marchers swarmed to Washington DC for this year's March for Life. FFL board member Roger Williams went on the bus from Ashtabula's Lighthouse Baptist Church. For the first time, a sitting president spoke to the marchers. Please continue to pray for President Trump as he keeps fighting for the unborn.

Another Book?

One of FFL's board members, Mary Ellen Blake has published her very own creation, "The Album." It is written to help steer younger folks to make wise decisions in dating, marriage, family, and love. You can check it out at www.maryellenblake.com.

Ohio Supreme Court

Ohio Supreme Court handed down two decisions this month that landed on the pro-life side. Decisions were upheld to keep two Ohio abortion clinics closed. Ohio currently has eight surgical abortion clinics still in operation.



Erie Prayer Breakfast

The Erie People for Life Prayer Breakfast was held on January 13 at the Bayfront Convention Center. There were six that attended from Ashtabula County Friends for Life. The speaker was Ann McElhinney, the author of Gosnell, The Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer. Ann's talk was very disturbing, yet informative and inspiring. She initially had no opinion on the life issue, but happened to be in Philadelphia when the Gosnell story broke. During her research for the book and seeing the horror of choice, she is now decidedly pro-life! Her book is out in stores and online (Phelim is her husband). There is a movie in the works, "Gosnell" which will be out this fall. Watch for it!



Candlelight Vigil

The 12th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Approximately 60 folks came out in remembrance of the loss of babies to abortion. Pastor Rod Kincaid from the Nazarene Church in Jefferson gave the message and Pastor Andy Grimes from the Nazarene Church in Geneva blessed us with song. Afterward, everyone was invited across the street to tour Mya Women's Center and enjoy refreshments.

Assisted Suicide Bill is Introduced

This week, Ohio Senator Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus) introduced a bill that would bring Oregon-like assisted suicide to Ohio. Senator Tavares has called the bill the "Death With Dignity Bill" and says the bill "will allow mentally competent Ohioans with a terminal condition to request and self-administer medication to end their life peacefully after meeting a series of requirements."

CCV adamantly opposes such legislation because it is bad for patients and violates fundamental principles of medicine. According to a recent report from the New England Journal of Medicine more than 400 patients who died by assisted suicide did not request it. In Canada, conscientious objectors are being prohibited from opting out of providing assisted suicide. The Oregon bill, which this bill is based on, allows for assisted suicide for basic, treatable conditions and mental illnesses.

This bill could require doctors to violate the Hippocratic Oath that they have to take of "do no harm." It undermines important safeguards that protect our loved ones and most vulnerable people.

CCV will continue to do the work to educate members of the General Assembly about this bill and fight against this culture of death bill.

Citizens for Community Values 2/9/18

Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act Becomes Law

Governor John Kasich signed into law Ohio Right to Life's Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act. This legislation prohibits abortions for the sole reason of a Down syndrome diagnosis.

"Now that the Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act is law, unborn babies prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome are given a shot at life" said Mike Gonidakis, president of Ohio Right to Life. "Ohio is and will continue to be a state that sees the lives of people with Down syndrome as lives worth living, thanks to this legislation."

In an August report, CBS News had a segment about Down syndrome in Iceland, claiming the country had "eradicated Down syndrome." The report stated that nearly 100% of mothers who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome for their pregnancy abort their child.

"Ohio Right to Life is immensely grateful to pro-life Governor John Kasich and his administration for how they have protected the unborn," said Mike Gonidakis, president of Ohio Right to Life. "Gov. Kasich has signed 20 pro-life initiatives into law in the last six years. He is a pro-life champion, and we are thankful for how he has made it clear that we will not permit this kind of discrimination against people with Down syndrome."

Ohio Right to Life

12/22/17

WHERE DOES *Your* STATE STAND?

2018 AUL LIFE LIST

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| 1. Arizona | 11. Pennsylvania | 21. South Carolina | 31. Iowa | 41. Hawaii |
| 2. Arkansas | 12. Texas | 22. Idaho | 32. Delaware | 42. Massachusetts |
| 3. Oklahoma | 13. Nebraska | 23. North Carolina | 33. New Hampshire | 43. Connecticut |
| 4. Louisiana | 14. Indiana | 24. Wisconsin | 34. Alaska | 44. New York |
| 5. Kansas | 15. North Dakota | 25. Utah | 35. Wyoming | 45. Nevada |
| 6. South Dakota | 16. Ohio | 26. Florida | 36. Maine | 46. Oregon |
| 7. Mississippi | 17. Tennessee | 27. Rhode Island | 37. Illinois | 47. New Jersey |
| 8. Georgia | 18. Alabama | 28. Minnesota | 38. Maryland | 48. Vermont |
| 9. Michigan | 19. Kentucky | 29. Colorado | 39. New Mexico | 49. California |
| 10. Missouri | 20. Virginia | 30. West Virginia | 40. Montana | 50. Washington |



How pro-life are the individual states? Check the above chart listing from most pro-life to the least.

Billboard Campaign – Cleveland- Get ready for your blood to boil!

Preterm is the largest abortion provider in the state. In early January, they started a billboard campaign to normalize abortion. Their billboards start with “Abortion is” and each billboard shows a different definition. Here is what is posted in some of Cleveland’s most diverse neighborhoods –

Abortion is life-saving	Abortion is a second chance	Abortion is gender equality
Abortion is necessary	Abortion is safer than childbirth	Abortion is a family value
Abortion is hope	Abortion is liberty	Abortion is health care
Abortion is a conversation	Abortion is a blessing	Abortion is normal
Abortion is right for me	Abortion is sacred	Abortion is your right

Have you had enough? It is difficult to even read these descriptions! Cleveland Right to Life has formed a coalition to counteract the above lies with the truth. Here are some of the billboards that have been put up in response –

Abortion is lost fatherhood.	Abortion is regret.
Abortion is not true feminism.	Abortion is big business.
Abortion is population control.	

This campaign website is WhatAbortionReallyIs.com.

Unfortunately, Lamar Advertising rejected the following –

Abortion is systemic racism.	Abortion is violence.
Abortion is injustice everywhere.	Abortion is exploitation.
Abortion is not healthcare.	

Want to donate to this cause? Please send your donations to The Radiance Foundation who has been working with Cleveland Right to Life. Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation posted this in response to Preterm - <https://townhall.com/columnists/ryanbomberger/2018/01/29/abortion-is-systemic-racism-truth-vs-lies-in-dueling-ohio-billboard-campaigns-n2441068>