



GOVERNOR KASICH SIGNS BILL TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On February 21, 2016, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed House Bill (H. B.) 294 to ensure state/federal funds are not used for elective abortion. The legislation cuts over \$1 million in yearly federal grants to Planned Parenthood, the country's largest abortion provider. This legislation was a top priority on Ohio Right to Life's 2015-2016 legislative agenda, which was announced last February. It received renewed interest following the release of undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood officials negotiating dollar amounts for aborted babies' body parts. In December, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine revealed that in Ohio, Planned Parenthood locations are contracting with companies that dump fetal remains in landfills. H.B. 294 was sponsored by Representatives Margaret Conditt (R-Liberty Township) and Bill Patmon (D-Cleveland). House Bill 294 marks the seventeenth piece of pro-life legislation signed by Governor Kasich in the last five years. Included on that list are Ohio's Late-Term Abortion Ban, the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act, and funding for life-affirming pregnancy centers. Since Governor Kasich took office in 2011, abortions in Ohio have decreased 25 percent, and half of Ohio's abortion facilities have closed or stopped performing surgical abortions. (*Ohio RTL – 2-22-16*)

NEWS AND NOTES:

2016 SIGNATURE AD AND BILLBOARD

CAMPAIGN: Thank you to the nearly 800 people who sponsored our Annual Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign! The full-page Ad appeared in print and on the websites of seven area newspapers to commemorate the tragic anniversary of the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions (*Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*) that legalized the child-killing of abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Five billboards were on display around Lorain County throughout the month of January. A copy of the newspaper ad is available on our website (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org). We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for helping to share the message of life through this Campaign. The Campaign is only possible because of the generous support of our sponsors. If you, the church you attend, or a civic organization you belong to would like to help sponsor the Campaign next

year, please call us (440-322-0076) or send us an email (info@loraincountyrighttolife.org).

COME PRAY: Please join us on the first Thursday of each month, at the Prayer Vigil at the Planned Parenthood in Lorain from 3-4 p.m. This facility is located in the YWCA Women's Center building at 200 W. 9th St. While this facility does not perform surgical abortions, they (like all Planned Parenthood facilities) encourage sexual promiscuity, and provide abortifacients, such as the birth control pill, even to minor children. Please join the Prayer Vigil each first Thursday afternoon. Prayer is the most potent weapon we have in the battle for life! Please call 440-322-0076 if you have any questions or would like additional information.



EPTOPIC-TUBAL BABIES SAVED? The Lorain County Right to Life has very recently discovered some news that would be encouraging to those interested in saving unborn babies who have implanted themselves in the mothers' fallopian tubes. Previous conventional procedures called for the removal of that section, if not all, of the tube containing the newly formed embryo in order to save the life of the mother. There may now be available a viable procedure that would give the babies a chance to be saved. More research on this important subject will continue and hopefully will result in a more comprehensive article in our Fall newsletter.

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL: For women who have taken the first dose of the Abortion Pill, Mifepristone, or RU-486 and are regretting that decision, it may not be too late to reverse the medication. The Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) is a program of the Culture of Life Family Services headquartered in San Diego, California. The APR program has a network of over 300 physicians worldwide to assist women that call the 24/7 Hotline. The Hotline Number to call to speak to a Hotline Nurse is 1-877-558-0333. A physician that is on our Pro-Life Doctor's list is enrolled in this program and will be available to assist any woman who may call the APR Hotline from our area.

ON-LINE DONATIONS: Our new on-line donations page is up and running on our website. This is a very convenient way to support the work we do to defend life. Visit our website (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) and click on Get Involved.

UPDATE ON THE CENTER FOR MEDICAL

PROGRESS: David Daleiden, Founder of the Center for Medical Progress, has been indicted by a grand jury in Harris County, Texas, on charges of tampering with a governmental record and violating the Texas statute on human organ trafficking. Sandra Merritt, who worked with Daleiden to investigate Planned Parenthood's trade in fetal body parts, was also indicted on the tampering charge. The tampering charge is for the use of a California identification to enter the Planned Parenthood facility for the purpose of the investigation. Daleiden was also charged with human organ trafficking, a misdemeanor charge, for allegedly offering to purchase fetal body parts from Planned Parenthood. Inexplicably, Planned Parenthood was not charged with the corresponding crime of offering to sell human organs. The charges filed against Daleiden and Merritt do not in any way diminish the overwhelming evidence obtained by the Center for Medical Progress showing that Planned Parenthood has engaged in and is willing to profit from the sale of fetal tissue. CMP recently released a new video that shows Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast's Director of Research discussing "remuneration" and "compensation" with Daleiden, who posed as a fetal tissue buyer. (*From Life Legal Defense Foundation, www.lldf.org, Feb. 3, 2016*)

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: Our website (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) is regularly updated with extensive information on Pro-Life issues. Perfect for papers and assignments. Check out the Resources and Issues tab on our website. We also welcome suggestions for additions.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

How desperate is Planned Parenthood as its reputation crumbles under the weight of undercover videos of its baby body parts business? Twenty million dollars desperate.

The organization that warns women will lose healthcare if it loses more than half a billion dollars in federal funding was able to find \$20 million dollars to donate to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and various campaigns. The money came from Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the political arm of Planned Parenthood.

Never before in its 100-year history has Planned Parenthood endorsed a candidate in a presidential primary. It did so about the same time Congress put a bill on the president's desk to largely defund Planned Parenthood, the first time legislators have had enough votes to do so. The organization is keenly aware that only Barack Obama's veto stood between them and 89 percent of their funding and that if a pro-life president is elected, he or she will sign such a bill. Planned Parenthood is fighting for its financial life.

A Gallup Poll released in October showed Planned Parenthood's favorability rating continues its decades-long slide: it's "mostly" or "very" favorable rating fell to 59 percent, down from 81 percent in 1993. Interestingly, social media took its first baby steps in mid-1990s. Before the Internet revolution, the public could know only what traditional media deemed newsworthy. The undercover videos would have been buried then; via social media they flew around the world instantly.

The damage to the public perception of Planned Parenthood has been immense. For example, a Public Opinion Strategies poll taken in August of registered voters in Ohio – which leans blue, revealed that most Ohioans believe taxpayers should not fund Planned Parenthood (68 percent). Corporate donors responded as well. About 10 days after the first video surfaced, Coca-Cola, Ford and Xerox said they were wrongly listed as donors to Planned Parenthood, and they requested their names be removed from its website. Shortly afterward the entire list was deleted.

Since July, 11 states have launched investigations into Planned Parenthood's activities and/or alleged Medicaid fraud. While states that tried to block federal Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood have not been successful, 10 blocked some funding by pulling state-controlled grants from family planning agencies, including Planned Parenthood.

(*From Feb. 2016 Life Issues Connector, by Sherry Pinson*)

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER? RETIRED? Currently there is a very successful Choose Life Program for the lower-grade students in our area. Recently, LCRTL has been discussing possibly expanding and adapting this to the high school student level. If you are a retired high school teacher and would be interested in returning to the classroom to present a Pro-life speaking engagement, please give us a call at 440-322-0076. We would also welcome anyone not a former high school teacher, but maybe someone interested in speaking in this type of classroom setting.

BOARD/VOLUNTEER MEETING: The Board Members and Volunteers of Lorain County Right to Life meet on the first Monday of each month at St. Vincent DePaul Conlan Ministry Center, 41295 North Ridge, Elyria, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. To join us for a meeting and find out more about Lorain County Right to Life, please call (440) 322-0076.

A THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: We would like to thank the following sponsors who have recently provided business cards for our newsletter. We encourage

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