NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends of Life,

Lorain County Right to Life will be holding a Board and Volunteer planning meeting on April 27th at Martino's Restaurant in Vermilion from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are meeting primarily to consider our role going forward in light of the changing landscape in Ohio since the passage of Issue 1 last November.

We invite you to submit ideas for our vision. You can contact us at loraincountyrighttolife.org to have your voice heard as to what is most important to you as a Pro-Life partner. Even better, you are welcome to attend all or part of the planning meeting on April 27th.

We also want to alert you that our annual Ad and Billboard campaign will be scheduled for this summer, as we are planning on having ads and billboards proclaiming a respect for life around Lorain County for the month of September, prior to the election in November.

Finally, please consider calling in or attending our monthly Board and Volunteer meetings, which are held the fourth Monday of each month. We also want to stress to our members that volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization. WE NEED YOU! Here a few ways that you can become more involved in the work of LCRTL:

- Join our email list
- Donate financially
- Help keep our resources organized
- Pray at abortion facilities
- Make phone calls
- Join our Speaker's Bureau
- Assist with social media and our website
- Help with our newsletter
- Volunteer at our annual fairs and festivals

We are in need of new energy for our organization. How can you help bring that energy to our group and mission?

In Jesus' Name and for the Cause of Life,

John Ciarrone, President
Lorain County Right to Life

ISSUE 1 TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTUTION IS PASSED IN OHIO

November 7, 2023, Issue 1 passed and now abortion is enshrined in the Ohio Constitution. Since the *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Supreme Court ruling on June 24, 2022, the Life Site News web-site has maintained an interactive map of the United States (LifeSite News MAP) with the status of abortion laws for each state. Tragically, it now says for Ohio, the state is an abortion haven as voters approved an amendment that creates a "fundamental right" to abortion up to birth in the Ohio Constitution. The radical amendment effectively nullifies Ohio's 2019 heartbeat law, which took effect after the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* before later being blocked by a state judge. While this is the current reality, "Our work to encourage a culture of life and end the war in the womb moves forward, despite this setback. We will continue to call out and push back and resume our mission to be a voice for the voiceless and defend the defenseless. – *John Ciarrone, Nov 8, 2023."*

PRAISE REPORT!! PLANNED PARENTHOOD FACILITY IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED! Lorain County Right to Life recently learned the Lorain Planned Parenthood Facility is permanently closed. A first hand visit to the site revealed a sign posted directing people to their Rocky River facility. A call was placed to the Planned Parenthood office in Old Brooklyn and they confirmed the closure. After all the many years of faithful prayer warriors meeting at this site, we can praise God they are gone from Lorain County!

LAWRENCE THOMAS ZALESKI

Larry Zaleski, our dear friend and past President of Lorain County Right to Life passed away Friday, March 15, 2024. Larry was an integral part of Lorain County Right to Life for many years and we are so grateful for his life and work. He was a tireless advocate for the unborn. His example of devotion will always be remembered.

NEWS AND NOTES:

ABORTION PILL EXPANSION PUTS 'WOMEN'S HEATLH AND SAFETY LAST': Nearly two out of three abortions carried out in the United States last year took place via abortion pills — a method post-abortive mothers have said inflicted "the worst physical pain of my life" and forced them

to "experience the trauma again every time I used the bathroom." Post-abortive mothers have reported profound physical and psychological side effects from taking the abortion pills, especially in the case of self-managed chemical abortions, which often take place on the toilet. (For a description of the abortion pill method of killing preborn children, see abortionprocedures.com.) Chemical abortions represented 63% of all abortions in 2023 — up from 53% in 2020. The two-pill regimen of mifepristone and misoprostol inflicted 642,700 of the estimated 1,026,690 abortions tracked by the U.S. health care system last year, according to the latest Monthly Abortion Provision Study produced by the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute. The study showed the number of pill-induced abortions — which present lower costs for abortion facilities but greater complications for mothers — has grown by 450% since 2005. The Guttmacher report revealed that overturning FDA approval of mifepristone threatens the abortion industry's bottom line: 40% of all abortion facilities rely exclusively on the abortion pill for their business. Nearly one-third of all abortion facilities distributed the life-taking drugs after only a virtual online appointment in 2022, a 440% increase in two years. Eight percent of all abortion facilities are exclusively online abortion distribution facilities, the report noted. (From: Washington Stand - March 20, 2024.)

BOARD/VOLUNTEER MEETING: The Board Members and Volunteers of Lorain County Right to Life meet on the fourth Monday of each month at Harvest Christian Church, 907 Eastern Heights Blvd., Elyria, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We normally meet in person and also have a teleconference option available for those unable to join us in person. Check our website for the upcoming meeting details. To join us for a meeting or to find out more about Lorain County Right to Life, please call (440) 322-0076.

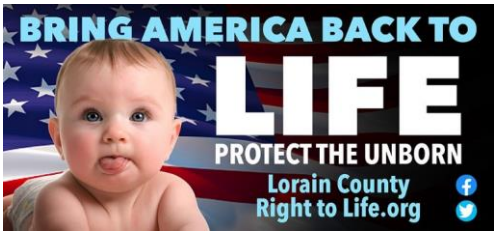
TV AD SPOTS: After the Issue 1 tragedy, Rudy Breglia, LCRTL member and host of the local television show, Common Sense, became convinced that prioritizing legislation will not end abortion when people don't care about the sanctity of human life. He feels that right now the most effective strategy for turning people away from the acceptance of abortion for efficiency and economy is to create a series of low cost, short (30 sec.) videos without "political" content. These videos would feature the absolute joy and satisfaction of having children -- to push the "HUMAN" button that everyone has in their brains. The videos would be placed on social media and repeated on TV like the short "Hallow prayer encouragement" videos (Chosen series, Jonathan Roumie) and feature varied family situations with children at different stages of development making short statements coordinated with photos. Rudy is looking for help with the content and technical aspects of the videos to create working copies that could be shown to potential sponsors. Contact Rudy at rudybreglia@gmail.com or (440) 930-0251.

ONLINE OUTREACH ASSISTANT: Lorain County Right to Life is in need of an Online Outreach assistant to help with social media**.** Please contact us at info@loraincountyrighttolife.org or call 440-322-0076.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: Our website (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.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: Our Speaker's Bureau can give an in-person or online Pro-life presentation for a meeting of your church, school or organization. LCRTL also has a program for the High School age group. If you would like to arrange to have a speaker, please call 440-322-0076.

ATTENTION PARENTS: We would like to offer our Speaking Engagements to include area middle and high school classrooms. Parents can request a speaker at their child's school to present Pro-life educational material. Please call 440-322-0076 for additional information.



AD AND BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN: Lorain County Right to Life is planning to hold our Bring America Back to Life Campaign in late summer / early fall. The ads for the Campaign will be in local newspapers and on their websites, on social media, etc. Billboards will be displayed throughout Lorain County. Sponsors who provide their names will be acknowledged prominently on our website. Financial support remains critical to the success of the Campaign. We encourage a "free-will" donation to be considered based on what is judged to be appropriate for this all-important mission to bring Lorain County, the State of Ohio, and yes, America back to life. Campaign materials, including sign-up sheets, sample bulletin inserts, and other useful materials will be mailed out in June and also be available on our website loraincountyrighttolife.org. If you would like to participate in this year's campaign, please call us at 440-322-0076 or email us at info@loraincoungtyrighttolife.org with your contact information. If interested in being a point of contact for your church or other organization, please call or email us and we will send you everything you need to spread the word and collect names and donations.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

Anne Heath from Steve & Cathie Fuchs
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Community Corner

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Lorain County Right to Life

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GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: This saves money on postage which we can then use for other lifesaving purposes. You'll also receive other email updates with more frequent and timely information. To get your email Newsletter and information updates, please send an email to info@loraincountyrighttolife.org

PRO-LIFE DOCTOR'S LIST: A list of local doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is on our Website (loraincountyrighttolife.org) under the Resources and Issues tab. Know a doctor who belongs on our Pro-Life list? Ask them to fill out the form on our website.

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