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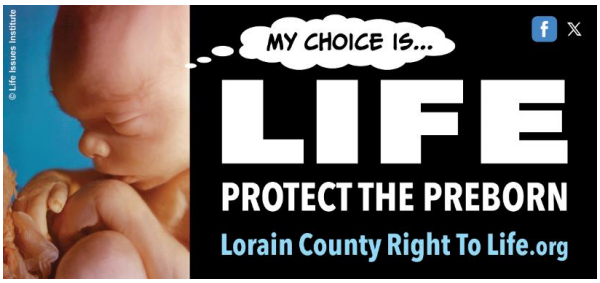

2024 AD AND BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN: Lorain County Right to Life thanks all who participated in our recent Ad and Billboard Campaign. This year's campaign focus was on the child in the womb. With abortion now enshrined in the Ohio constitution our desire is to turn hearts and minds to the humanity of the pre-born child who now more than ever, needs our protection from conception to birth. The Billboards have been on display since August and the Ad is appearing during October in print, on websites of area newspapers, and on social media. Over 400 people sponsored our Ad and Billboard Campaign! A copy of the newspaper ad and a list if sponsors are available on our website (loraincountyrighttolife.org). Between the ads and billboards, the message of LIFE was brought to many thousands of people in Lorain County. This 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 in the future, please call us (440-322-0076) or send us an email (info@loraincountyrighttolife.org).

NEWS RELEASE

Ohio Right to Life Political Action Committee (ORTL) has announced their endorsement for the Ohio Supreme Court in the General Election on November 5, 2024:

Justice Joe Deters
Judge Megan Shanahan
Judge Dan Hawkins

For the latest endorsement news and election information, visit our website: loraincountyrighttolife.org/election2024/

Help for Crisis Pregnancies is Available – (loraincountyrighttolife.org/crisis-pregnancies-help-available-2/)

NEWS AND NOTES:

JUDGE BLOCKS OHIO'S 24-HOUR WAIT PERIOD FOR ABORTIONS: A Franklin County judge on August 30th blocked enforcement of Ohio's laws that mandate a 24-hour waiting period before abortions. This was the first ruling on the Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment to the Ohio Constitution approved by voters in November, the American Civil Liberties Union noted, adding that the ruling shows the amendment worked as intended to protect abortion. The lawsuit was filed on March 29. The preliminary injunction was issued by Franklin County Common Pleas Judge David C. Young. Young wrote in his order. "A finding of irreparable harm is mandated because a constitutional right has been threatened or impaired. He added that he was against keeping the status quo at this stage of the suit because "plaintiffs are suffering injury each day their constitutional rights are infringed upon." The state, however, plans to appeal, said Bethany McCorkle, communications director for Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

"We have heard the voices of the people and recognize that reproductive rights are now protected in our Constitution," McCorkle said in a statement. "However, we respectfully disagree with the court's decision that requiring doctors to obtain informed consent and wait 24 hours prior to an abortion constitute a burden. "These are essential safety features designed to ensure that women receive proper care and make voluntary decisions. These measures were consistently upheld under Roe v. Wade." "The law merely allows a reflection point for a 24-hour period to give appropriate education and reflection to the finality of the decision to abort," Gonidakis, President, Ohio RTL said. "Abortion ends a child's life and Ohio's 24-hour waiting period has led to countless babies being born in Ohio." *(Prolife Weekly Overview – 8/30/24)*

MORE PROTECTIONS FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR UNBORN CHILDREN PUT ON HOLD IN OHIO: Just a week after a Franklin county judge put a hold on Ohio's 24-hour waiting period and Informed Consent laws, Hamilton County Judge Alison Hathaway put an injunction on regulations regarding the prescribing, regulating, and distribution of the abortion pill. These injunctions effectively invite traffickers, abusers, and those involved in the abortion syndicate to conduct their business here. With virtually no safeguards currently in place, Ohio's status as a prime ABORTION DESTINATION for other states will likely increase even further.

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.

THE ABORTION CATASTROPHE OF 2023: Annually, at September's end, the Ohio Department of Health publishes the abortion statistics for the preceding year. Consequently, on September 30th, the self-reported data from state abortion facilities for 2023 was disclosed. A total of 22,000 induced pregnancy terminations were reported in Ohio for 2023, a 19% increase from 2022! According to the latest Ohio Health reporting benchmarks, such numbers would signify a health crisis. For example, currently, the Ohio Department of Health is reporting weekly reports on the Monkey pox numbers on their website "dashboard." To date, there have been 5 deaths in Ohio. As you remember, we would get DAILY reports from then Ohio Health Director Amy Acton during the COVID outbreak in 2020. According to Cleveland.com "By official accounting from the Ohio Department of Health, 41,242 Ohioans died because of the coronavirus during the first three years of the pandemic - 13,621 in the first year (2020), 18,277 in year two (2021), and 9,344 (2022)." Neither COVID nor Monkey Pox have reached the level of deaths reported each year in the abortion report. Yet there is no dashboard, no public service announcements, and no public statements from the current Director, Bruce Vanderhoff, regarding the 22,000 lives lost in 2023. "The last time America saw an annual abortion increase this bad was 1977." * Thanks to Abort73.com reporting, we already have an indication of what the 2023 Ohio abortion report will reveal---and it is tragic. (* *From The Abortion Catastrophe of 2023 blog by Michael Spielman.*)

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION OF IN VITRO FERTILIZATION: Lorain County Right to Life (LCRTL) has great compassion for those married couples who would like to have children but for some reason are unable to. However, some approaches to addressing infertile that all people, regardless of the circumstances of their conception – including when that conception occurs via immoral means – are none-the-less intrinsically valuable, unique and unrepeatable, and possess an unalienable right to life. LRTL is opposed to *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) for the following reasons:

1. **IVF violates the right to life of children:** It is estimated that for every child born using IVF, 25 children are killed. These deaths result from the process of artificial fertilization and implantation; from "selective reduction" (killing) when multiple children are successfully implanted in order to reduce their number; from freezing and thawing the "extra" children conceived; and through using these young human lives as experimental subjects.

2. **IVF violates the dignity of children**: IVF improperly treats children as a thing to be wanted, rather than as a gift to be received. IVF denies children the opportunity to be brought into the world through the loving embrace of their married parents. With IVF, technicians create children and subject them to "quality control" processes to see if they are "good enough" to be allowed to live. IVF combined with other artificial reproductive technologies such as egg/sperm donation and surrogacy further muddy the waters regarding who is family. Custody cases for children conceived through IVF (e.g. frozen embryos) have typically been adjudicated via property law rather than family law.

3. **IVF violates the dignity of married couples**: IVF does not address the root cause of a couple's infertility and the couple is still infertile even if IVF is "successful" and they have a baby. IVF may even make their health worse. There are moral alternatives to IVF, such as Restorative Reproductive Medicine, that seek to identify and treat the cause of infertility rather than ignore it. (naprotechnology.com/infertility/)

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.

THANK YOU! Thanks and appreciation go out to all those who volunteered at our Information Booth at the N. Ridgeville Corn Festival, Lorain County Fair and Elyria Apple Festival!

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

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