

President, Carrie Koesters
Ft. Recovery, OHIO
January 2016

Meeting Date: Mark Your Calendar – Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 14th, 8:00 PM, at Mercer Health Meeting Rm, Coldwater, to finalize our Send-Off Rally & Trip to D.C. for the March for Life. Why not come and see how you can get involved.

ELECTION OF MCRTL OFFICERS, 2016: President Linda Mackey conducted her last official meeting in December. **Thank You Linda for a ‘Job Well Done’. You are Special!**

At the conclusion of the December meeting, **Carrie Koesters was voted in as our new President of the Mercer County Right to Life for 2016.** (See Carrie’s Message below) Carrie is a busy mom and at this point in time, she is probably wondering WHY she agreed to ‘get involved’. It’s easy – she has a BIG heart and a Love for Life! Thank You Carrie!! We feel honored that Carrie has agreed to add the RTL as one of her many duties. We know she will do a great job.

Sarah Homan has agreed to serve as our MCRTL’s Vice President for 2016. Sarah lives outside of St. Rose with her parents Ken & Brenda Homan. Sarah is a 2013 graduate of Edison Community College, Piqua. This summer, she will marry Mark Post.

Being the Leader of a RTL Chapter is a HUGE commitment, but a worthwhile one. No one ever does this job alone. Our Organization has been active for over 42 years, and we have LOTS of past officers who are willing to help out in any way they are needed. All anyone needs to do is ASK.

Lisa Homan has again agreed to continue to serve as our Secretary for another year and Phyllis Wenning will serve as our Treasurer. Congratulations to our Officers.

A Message from Carrie Koesters: Hello everyone! I thought I would give a bit of a bio for those of you who do not know me. I am Carrie Koesters, and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your President for Mercer County Right to Life for 2016. My husband Dave and I live in rural Fort Recovery, along with our children Jacob (2), Joshua (1), and Luke (3 months). During my undergraduate work at Ohio State I was a member of the Pro-Life Club, but really didn’t become involved in the pro-life movement until after I had my first son Jacob.

When Jacob was about 3 months old, I stumbled across a LifeSiteNews article on Facebook that discussed the horrors of dismemberment abortion through the eyes of the medical pathologists who receive the waste from surgical procedures. I will not go into the graphic details discussed in the article, but I will tell you that thinking about that article brought me to tears for the weeks and months that followed. I looked at my little Jacob, thought about feeling him move inside of me just months prior, and couldn’t imagine the horrors and pain those children experience during the abortion procedure. It was then that I realized that God was calling me to stand up and be a voice for the voiceless. I wanted to become involved, but didn’t know how or what I could do to make a difference. After all, how can someone in Fort Recovery, Ohio help save precious babies from slaughter? That is when I stumbled upon the organization ***Online for Life***.

As many of you know, our Duck Dynasty fundraiser this past August was hosted to raise awareness and funds for ***Online for Life***. ***Online for Life*** is an organization that actively seeks women pursuing an abortion and provides them with life affirming counsel and care. They have rescued thousands of babies to date, and I wanted to find a way to help them continue their mission. In November of 2014, I pitched my fundraising idea to the wonderful folks at my first Mercer County Right to Life meeting, and lo and behold, a few months later I became the Vice President of the organization and plans began on our fundraiser. God works in funny ways, doesn’t he?

During my Vice Presidency, I have met some wonderful individuals at Ohio Right to Life, some of our Legislators, and continue to keep in touch with my ***Online for Life*** friends. I am hoping to build on these relationships and enhance our ability as a local Right to Life chapter to save not only babies but mothers and fathers from the horrors of aborting their child. This upcoming year, I am hoping to do more promotion of the adoption process as an alternative to abortion. After all, it is a win-win-win situation! A baby lives, a

birth mother doesn't have to raise an "unwanted" child, and parents longing for children finally have the opportunity to make their family whole.

I am excited to see what we can do together in 2016. My involvement in this organization stemmed from an idea, and the wonderful people in this group turned that idea into a reality. Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas of your own, or if you have a story about the adoption process. I would love to hear from you!

A Christmas Message received from *Online for Life*: "Thank You on behalf of 'Baby Hudson'. His story goes like this: Alice, his mother, was faced with choosing whether or not to bring 'Hudson' into the world. Luckily, she connected with *Online for Life* and the caregivers at one of the Life-affirming clinics helped her make that decision. Some of the clinic staff had even been in her shoes. After speaking with them, Alice decided to choose Life and Hudson was born!"

"Thank you so much for your support of *Online for Life*. Through your generosity, babies like Hudson and mothers like Alice can escape the tragedy of abortion and have a chance to make their mark in the world!" If you would like to learn more about *Online for Life*, "Like" them on Facebook, or check out their website at <http://onlineforlife.org>.

On a Happy Note: The *1st Baby of 2016* born at Mercer Health in Coldwater was Kinzlee Mae Dorsten, daughter of Tara & Brian Dorsten, Montezuma. Kinzlee Mae was born Sunday morning, January 3rd at 11:21 AM, weighing 7 lbs. 15 ½ oz, and 19 ½" long. Mercer County Welcomes You! A photo of Baby Kinzlee and her parents will soon appear in the Daily Standard and also in February issue of the MCRTL Newsletter.

NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN: To commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, our Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. Pat Pottkotter and family will take charge of this project.

For a \$5.00 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the Pro-life Ad. We need to have all names ready by January 11th. Therefore, if you are still interested in participating, please give Pat a call with your information. – NOW . 419-678-4557.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SEND-OFF RALLY, Thursday, January 21, 2016

This year's Send-Off Rally will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Rt. 219 in Montezuma beginning at 6:00 PM. **OHIO SENATOR Keith Faber** will be our featured Guest Speaker. Music will be provided for the evening.

The annual '**Friend for Life Award**' will be presented during the Rally.

One bus has been reserved for the Washington D.C. trip and is scheduled to leave from the Church Parking Lot after the Rally. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray for those traveling to our nation's capital to participate in the National March for Life a safe & successful trip.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C. – 1/22/16 – 43rd Anniversary

Hundreds of thousand activists who support LIFE are expected to gather at our nation's capital to memorialize the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand and protest its devastating aftermath by participating in the annual March for Life. The National RTL Committee is still in the process of finalizing their plans for the March for Life. The Rally is expected to begin at NOON with the March to the Supreme Court building following around 1:30.

Gary Borger, Coldwater 678-8538 and Past Pres. Chad Stolly will co-ordinate the Washington March for Life trip. Gary reports that the bus is full, however, if you wish to place your name on the 'Waiting List', please do. Sometimes, if one cancels out, another one does, as well. Just give Gary Borger a call ASAP, and leave your message. Payment can be made later.

On Thursday, January 21st, the bus is scheduled to depart from the Parking Lot of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, following the Send-Off Rally and travel thru the evening. The plans include stopping at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C., where we plan

to attend the 7:30 AM Mass. Those that do not wish to do so can wait in the Shrines cafeteria and enjoy the beautiful sites of the building, until the services conclude. After the Mass, our bus will travel downtown to Harriet's Family Restaurant, where we will enjoy their fabulous Breakfast Buffet before walking to the National Rally site at Noon, when the Rally is scheduled to begin. We will hear from many Congressional and Spiritual leaders, all sharing their thoughts of wisdom before making the long March towards the Supreme Court building. The crowd is expected to be Huge! What we plan to do after the March is still open for discussion, which we will do at our RTL meeting, 1/14/16. We do know that when we board our bus for the trip home, we will stop for dinner at the Francis Scot Keys Mall. Those traveling will need to bring extra \$\$ for this dinner.

The cost for the trip, which includes the Breakfast Buffet, is \$70 for adults and \$55 for students. As always, we rely heavily on contributions from individuals and organizations to help defray the cost of this trip. Your past generosity has enabled many students from our area the opportunity to participate in a very powerful pro-life experience. As stated above, if you are still interested in going, give Gary a call to be placed on the 'Waiting List'. **Also, don't expect the National Media to cover this event. Rely on our friends at EWTN.**

FACT: With this March, we have the most pro-abortion President in History sitting in the White House. Barack Obama has made it clear that he will do everything in his power to advance abortion. For the past seven years, he has made his agenda very clear -- he has already given the abortion lobby free reign of the White House and our taxpayer dollars.

FACT: In 2009, **Planned Parenthood** gave the *Margaret Sanger* award to Hillary Clinton. She was honored for all of her hard work to ensure that abortion would remain available upon demand by young women across America. **To Hillary Clinton, this was an honor.** To those of us who believe in the sanctity of life, it was an indictment against Hillary Clinton, exposing her as the champion for murdering innocent babies in their mother's wombs.

Future Event: **Members of MCRTL will be co-hosting** an event involving the candidates running for John Boehner's seat. The Date and the Place will be determined soon. More information will follow. Possible forum groups for questions: Farm Bureau, St Henry Chamber, NRA, Right to Life, Republican Party.

BUS TRIP for Mercer County Students for Life, TO PRAY OUTSIDE KETTERING ABORTION

CLINIC: On February 12th at 8:00AM, a Romer's bus will pick-up teens wanting to go to the Clinic in the TSC's Parking Lot. The bus will arrive in Dayton around 9:30. Plans are to stay and Pray and show our pro-life support until 11:30, have lunch on the way home, and return to TSC's Parking Lot around 2:00. We plan to take a quick tour of the New Elizabeth's Life Center, which is right across the street from the abortion clinic. We will keep the tour timely and do a quick lunch to keep the return to TSC as close to 2:00.

Our pro-life support and prayers for the unborn are most needed in the pro-life movement. Please reserve your seat now! **Chaperons Welcome!** All who plan to attend are asked to request a waiver form through Mercer Right to Life's Facebook page. Janelle Homan will send it to you. When filled out, mail to Janelle at: 5940 Fort Recovery Minster Road, Saint Henry, OH 45883. Call her with questions: 937-638-7426.

2016 MERCER COUNTY RTL SWEETHEART DANCE, Ft. Recovery Legion Hall, February 28th
Dance tickets Enclosed: Mark Your Calendar - The Sweethearts Dance will be held on February

28th. Get your gang together & come out for a good night of fun & fellowship. The tickets will get you thru the door for the Dance and also enter you into the Raffle Drawing. Check out the Prize List!!! If you are unable to attend the Dance and want to be entered in the Raffle, send your completed ticket stubs along with a check, payable to Mercer County RTL in the envelope provided with the tickets, \$5.00 per ticket, Please. If you send them in advance, just hang onto the Ticket Stub & it will be your ticket into the dance that night. Many thanks to Celina Insurance Group for donating the printing of the tickets again this year!!

Music for the evening will be provided by D.J. 'F 1 Sound'. Doors open at 8, with the music starting at 9:00. Tickets available at the Door. Questions? Call Marilyn Pottkotter, 375-2400 or Lisa Homan, 375-2515.

December 11, 2015 – Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has announced the results of his investigation and he indicates the abortion giant appears to be breaking state laws regarding the disposal of the bodies of aborted babies.

"All three Ohio Planned Parenthood affiliates, including the Columbus facility, have sent fetal remains to companies which disposed of the fetuses in landfill," the investigative report indicates. The Attorney General argues that this is in violation of Ohio Revised Code (3701-47-05) which requires that aborted fetal remains be disposed humanely. Ohio is the second state to indicate Planned Parenthood is unlawfully disposing of the bodies of aborted babies.

"Planned Parenthood not only murders babies, they have been caught harvesting their baby parts. Now, babies they don't harvest for parts are being hauled off in trucks and dumped in landfills. This is sickening! How long will taxpayers stand idling by and permit the abortion cartel to get away with this? Planned Parenthood doesn't just need defunded, Planned Parenthood needs defeated. These facilities need to be shut down now." -- Mark Harrington, Executive Director, Created Equal

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center. 560 Touvelle Street in Celina, (South East of the Little Flower Daycare Center, 2nd building - little white block building with a dark blue front door - on the West side of the road) is Open for business Monday thru Friday, 11 – 5. If you wish to donate any item to the Center, new or gently used, it would be much appreciated. Their Boutique has something for everyone. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Center so please come and shop while helping out a great cause.

Mark your calendars for Choosing Life's 7th Annual Celebration/Auction which will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016. More details will follow in next months Newsletter. IF you wish to help out with their Auction by donating an item, please give Director Patty Thees a call, 419-733-4847. Tickets for the Celebration/Auction are FREE for the asking. Talk to Patty..

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