



**Happy Father's Day, Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>, to ALL you Dad's out there!!**

(We ran this piece last year and had many favorable comments. We felt it was worth a 'repeat'). American culture has notoriously failed to honor the important and critical role of fathers. From Hollywood movies and sitcoms to everyday jokes, men are often depicted as clumsy, worthless buffoons who care only about beer and football.

New studies confirm what we already know: That fathers are central to healthy children, and a healthy society. So if we want to rebuild a Civilization of Love, we need to start cherishing the role of real men, and especially fathers.

With the growing attacks on marriage and family, the role of mothers and fathers must be affirmed more than ever.

Dad matters. It is said that children see God through the eyes of their father and that a father has a bigger impact on whether or not children continue to go to church as adults. That's why it is so important for our society to build up fathers, and to push back against all these stereotypes found in our culture today.

May we daily thank, honor and pray for the loving men who have faithfully supported, protected, and built up our families.

**Hearings Begin on Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services heard sponsor testimony on Ohio Right to Life's premier legislation for 2015, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S.B. 127). This legislation prohibits abortions in Ohio at the point at which pre-born babies can feel pain, which starts no later than 20 weeks gestation. This piece of legislation is sponsored by Senators Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) and Jay Hottinger (R-Newark). Between the House and Senate, thirty-three legislators signed on as co-sponsors of the legislation.

Significantly, the legislation challenges the viability limit on abortion restrictions, commonly triggered at 24 weeks, that the U.S. Supreme Court imposed in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. As of 2011, abortions in Ohio are prohibited at 24 weeks or the point of viability, which must be tested for at 20 weeks gestation.

Last month, the U.S. Representatives passed similar legislation under Speaker John Boehner. This week, the legislation is to be introduced in the U.S. Senate. Support for the legislation has quickly become the new pro-life "litmus test" for Republican Presidential contenders all of whom have endorsed the passage of the bill.

In November 2014, The Quinnipiac University Poll found that 60% of Americans would support prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks, while only 33% opposed such legislation. Women voters strongly support such a law by 59-35%, while independent voters supported it by 56-36%.

**SUMMER TIME PARADES AND THE "RIGHT TO LIFE" FLOAT:** Every year, the Mercer County RTL enters a float in the local parades, and this year is no exception. Pat & Henry Timmerman stored the float all winter and now they get it ready for the local parades. They take charge of getting volunteers to pull the float in the various parades in our area. Look for the float at the Ft. Recovery, Celina, Coldwater & Minster Oktoberfest Parades. They always make it look GOOD! Thanks Pat & Henry!

**Choosing Life Pregnancy Center is looking for Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed, whether you could devote 2 hours a week or 1 day a week (11-5) - would be terrific. Just call Patty at 419-733-4847 if you are interested. Also, we will be pushing baby strollers thru the Celina Lake Festival Parade. If anyone is interested in pushing a stroller, real baby or not, it doesn't matter, get with Patty at 419-733-4847. They plan to put on a skit while pushing the strollers on the Parade route. It should be fun!!

P.S.: The Pregnancy Center will be starting up new Parenting classes this fall. We will keep you posted.

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