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Meeting Date: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, our next meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd, 8:00 PM, Coldwater Community Hospital Meeting Rm. **Election of MCRTL Officers** will be held after this meeting. We will also need to finalize our Rally plans. We have much to do! Why not come and see how you can help!

Mark Your Calendar – the January meeting will be held on January 14th, to finalize our Send-Off Rally & our trip to D.C. for the March for Life.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own MCRTL Vice President Carrie Koesters and her husband Dave on the birth of their third child, Luke. Luke was born on September 15th, weighing 8 lbs.9 ½ oz. He was welcomed home by his brothers Jacob, 2 ½ yr. old and Josh 1 ½ yr. old. Mom and baby Luke were given several very nice gifts from MCRTL, which included a pair of booties, a baby bib and an afghan. We are sure that mom has plenty of helpers around her house!!.

ELECTION OF MCRTL OFFICERS: It's hard to believe that another year has rolled around and its Election time for our Organization. Our current President Linda Mackey, has done an *Outstanding Job, especially during a major Fundraising event that we just wrapped up..* **Linda – we Thank You and your whole family for all of the time & effort you put into your term of Office. Being President of an organization is a Big Task - you did a remarkable job! You are a TRUE Leader!!**

After our December meeting, VP Carrie Koesters will take over the reign as President of the Mercer County Right to Life for the upcoming year. Carrie is a busy lady. Carrie and her husband Dave have three small boys. Thank You so much for getting involved in the pro-life movement. We all feel honored that she has agreed to add the RTL to one of her many duties. We know she will do a great job. When someone takes over the President, she or he does not act alone. There are many former Presidents that will gladly help out in any way.

As of this writing, **we do not have a Vice President candidate for 2016.** Several people are still in the 'thinking' stage. If **YOU** are interested in being a 'leader' of a pro-life organization, now is the time to step forward. As stated before, **No one ever does this job alone.** Being the leader of a RTL Chapter is a HUGE commitment, but a worthwhile one. Our Organization has been active for over 40 years, and we have LOTS of past officers willing to help out. INTERESTED??? Give Linda or Carrie a call. Their phone numbers are at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Life is interesting. Every day brings new changes. I feel one of those days coming soon!!

The 26th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held at the Spiritual Center chapel, Maria Stein, Ohio starting Tuesday, **9:00 pm, December 8th to 1:00 am** December 9th. Four hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayers of reparation for the sin of abortion will be offered. Each hour will begin with a hymn & prayers including the rosary. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be sung. This Night of Prayer again will unite over 600 parishes across the nation to end the callous acceptance of abortion in our country and the world. Father Tim Ralston, Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, will be available to here confessions during adoration and will close with Benediction. All are welcome and participants may come for all or part of the event.

Mercer County Students for Life: Mercer County Students for Life will be having their December meeting on December 8th, 7:30 pm, at Coldwater Hospital's meeting room. Please try to Encourage our high school youth to join and learn how they can help with the pro-life movement. Also, Mercer County Students for Life has a Facebook page. Follow for updates on local, state, and current pro-life events and news. The monthly newsletter will be posted on the last day of the month, which includes: a different pro-life topic each month, a summary of the month's meeting, notifications of pro-life events, and current pro-life news.

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 the Joe Pottkotter Family will once again Chair this project.

For a \$5.00 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the Pro-life Ad. If you wish to participate in this year's Ad Campaign, please fill out the form below and return to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, St. Henry, OH 45883 by January 10, 2016. Make checks payable to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name.

Signature Ad Form: A \$5.00 donation will get your name, (ex: John, Mary, Susie & Bill Smith or The John Smith family) in the Daily Standard.

Name: _____
(As you wish it to appear in the Newspaper)

Signature _____ Mail to address above by 1/10/16

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

This years Send-Off Rally will take place at the Montezuma Methodist Church. Plans are not finalized as of this writing. However, we still have plenty of time to get it done!.

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

At the present time, 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 wish 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

More than 100,000 people who support LIFE are expected to travel to our nation's capital for 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.

At the present time, we have one bus reserved. Gary Borger, Coldwater 678-8538 and Past Pres. Chad Stolly have graciously agreed to co-ordinate the Washington March for Life trip. We are asking that those wishing to join us on the Bus Trip to fill out the registration form and please make every effort to get it returned to Gary Borger, 806 S. Dogwood Dr., Coldwater, OH 45828 by December 20th in order to reserve a seat. Payment can be made later.

Our bus is scheduled to depart from the Parking Lot of the Montezuma Methodist Church, immediately 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 can attend the 7:30 AM Mass. Those that

do not wish to do so can wait in the Shrines cafeteria and enjoyed the beautiful sites of the building, until the services conclude. Plans are not finalized yet but we will get that info out ASAP. The cost for the trip, which includes a 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. We would like to see a good crowd from this area make the trip, however, if you personally cannot join us, please consider helping someone else go in your place.

===== Please return your Registration Form early to assure a seat =====
Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____

_____ I wish to reserve a seat for the March for Life 2016. Please do so before December 20th.

_____ \$70 for adults – Make checks payable to Mercer Co. Right to Life March

_____ \$55 for students under 19. **Students will miss one day of school.**

_____ Payment will be made later.

_____ I am unable to participate in the March, however, I wish to make a contribution of \$_____ to help defray the expense of others.

I absolve the Mercer Co. Right to Life, Inc. of all responsibilities en route, during & returning from the March.

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian of student _____ Even though this is not an official School Function, students are expected to follow the same policies as if it were (no drugs, alcohol or tobacco, etc. permitted.) Parents are ultimately responsible for student's actions and behavior. This is NOT a party trip.

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Planned Parenthood: “We’ve been very good at getting hearts, lungs, livers, because we know that, so I’m not gonna crush that part, I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above, and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.” **These are the callous words of Planned Parenthood's Director of Medical Services, Deb Nucatola.** These are the words from the first undercover video to go viral this summer. The words that made Americans' stomachs turn as they watched Nucatola haggle over livers while chowing on salad and wine.

As Planned Parenthood officials discuss how to "crush" a child's body to properly preserve her brains and heart for trading purposes, **our human decency demands that we stop the crushing. It demands that the State of Ohio de-fund this horrific institution of every last penny.**

These disgusting videos have opened a window for pro-life groups to actually see to the de-funding of the abortion giant. Legislation has been introduced in not one chamber but *both*. Senate President Keith Faber, who is sponsoring the Senate version, and the **bi-partisan** team of Rep. Bill Patmon and Rep. Margy Conditt are sponsoring the House version.

Regarding the Media coverage, the three major broadcast networks didn't even hint at the latest Planned Parenthood video released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP). During their evening and morning news shows, ABC, NBC and CBS turned a blind eye to the undercover video that showed a Texas abortionist, Anna Dermish, admitting how she will “strive for” intact baby heads and finds aborted baby hearts “cute.” The last time a network mentioned the release of a particular video came July 31, when CBS This Morning correspondent Julianna Goldman acknowledged the fourth video of a “Planned Parenthood doctor in Colorado discussing providing fetal tissue for a fee.” NBC last reported on a specific video July 30, while ABC – the worst of all three networks – last noted a video July 16 (keep in mind the first video came out July 14). That means ABC, NBC and CBS haven't covered the release of the last seven videos filmed by

the Center for Medical Progress.

Last week, the House of Representatives voted 240-189 to pass a reconciliation bill that defunds Planned Parenthood and re-directs their funding to entities that provide real health care for women. Thanks again for all of your calls and emails that helped make this win possible. The bill now moves forward to the Senate.

Remember, this bill cannot be filibustered by pro-abortion radicals in the Senate, meaning we can pass it with just 51 votes instead of the usual 60-vote threshold. We expect this vote to take place in late November. ... but we've got to act NOW. **TAKE ACTION NOW: [Email your Senators today and tell them to support a reconciliation bill that includes defunding Planned Parenthood](#)**

Mercer Co. Right to Life's Bus Trip to Kettering Abortion Clinic – Tuesday, October 13th:

In conjunction with the "40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign" 20 members from our Mercer County area (many for the first time) visited the Kettering Abortion Clinic. Our faithful leader, Marie Heitkamp stated, "Here are my thoughts as we spent time at the abortion clinic. We prayed to bring an end to the slaughter of God's Most Precious Gift of Human Life. Our heart's go out to all those who come and go from the abortion clinic, as well as the abortionist and their employees...

We continue to persevere in prayer knowing our prayers can and do change mind's and heart's, if it be God's Holy Will..."

According to the latest "40 Day for Life Campaign" organizers from around the country, figures surpassed 11,000+ saved lives and 64 closed abortion centers. We've seen 121 abortion workers leave their clinics. They have had a change of heart and quit their jobs during the 40 Days for Life campaigns. Many of those workers have told us they spent years being deceived by the abortion industry ... and had deceived themselves about the reality of the work they were doing. They justified it every day. But eventually, your prayerful presence helped them find a way out.

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center: If you know of a young woman with an untimely pregnancy, Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, 560 Touville St. in Celina is here to help! They offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, adoption classes all for FREE. They also have a wonderful Boutique with baby item galore! For more information call 567-890-5433

Also, Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Celebration/Auction which will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016. More information to follow.

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