



President, Sarah Post  
Ft. Recovery, OH  
November 2017

**Meeting Date:** Due to Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be held on the December 7th, 8:00 PM, Mercer Health Hospital Meeting Room, Coldwater. Election of Officers will be held.

With the new construction taking place at the Hospital, please use the **Out Patient Entrance** located on the East side of Hospital. Thanks! See you there!

**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 Sarah Post , has done an ***Outstanding Job***. ***We Thank You for all the*** time, energy & 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 Dee Grieshop, will take over the reign as President of the Mercer County Right to Life for the upcoming year. Dee and her husband Troy live in rural Ft. Recovery. Dee actually lived and went to school in Russia, OH, and fortunately for us, moved to Mercer County when she got married. Dee is a stay at home mom raising three children, age 4, 2 and one. **Thank You** so much for getting involved in the pro-life movement. We all feel honored that you have agreed to add the RTL to one of your many duties. We know you will do a great job. When someone takes over the President, she or he does not act alone. There are many Past Presidents that will gladly help out in any way.

As of this writing, we are looking for a **Vice President candidate**. Phyllis Wenning has agreed to continue on as Treasurer. Also, Amanda Geier has agreed to continue to be our Secretary. Thank you both Phyllis & Amanda for your service to the RTL.

Several people have been asked to serve as our VP. Right now, they are at the „thinking“ stage. We planted the seed! If ***YOU*** are interested in being a part of our 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 43 years, and we have LOTS of Past Officers willing to help out. INTERESTED??? Give Sarah a call. Her phone number is located at the bottom of this Newsletter.

### **NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN**

To commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, our Chapter will once again purchase a full page ad in the Daily Standard. The Dennis and Joe Pottkotter Families 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, Saint Henry, OH 45883 by January 6, 2018. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

(As you wish it to appear in the newspaper)

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE SEND-OFF RALLY, Thursday, January 18, 2018**

This years Send-Off Rally will take place at Mary Help of Christian Church in Ft. Recovery beginning at 6:00. We feel honored to have as our Guest Speaker Mike Spencer, from Celina. Mike is the Mid West Director of Training @ the Life Training. He will be a very interesting speaker.

The annual „**Friend for Life Award**“ will be also be presented during the Rally.

At the present time, we have two buses Reserved for the Washington D.C. trip and are scheduled to leave from the church parking lot after the Rally. Everyone is WELCOME to attend this Rally and wish those traveling to our Nation’s capital to participate in the March for Life a safe & successful trip.

**MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C. – 1/22/18 – 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It will be celebrated in D.C. on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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 two buses Reserved. Gary Borger, Coldwater 678-8538 and Chad Stolly, Celina have graciously agreed to co-ordinate the D.C. March for Life trip. We are asking that those wishing to join us on the Bus Trip to fill out the registration form **early** and returned to Gary Borger, 806 S. Dogwood Dr., Coldwater, OH 45828 ASAP in order to Reserve A Seat. **Payment can be made later.**

Our buses will depart 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 those wishing to attend the 7:30 AM Mass, can do so. Those that do not wish to participate, may wait in the Shrines cafeteria and enjoyed the beautiful sites of the building, until the services conclude.

The cost for the trip, **which includes a Breakfast Buffet**, is \$75 for adults and \$60 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. Teens, check with your church group to see if they will sponsor your way to D.C. 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 2018. Please do so ASAP.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 for adults – Make checks payable to Mercer Co. Right to Life March
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mercer Co. Right to Life Sponsored Bus Trip to the Kettering Abortion Clinic took place on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:** In conjunction with the "40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign" 20 members from our

Mercer County area (several for the first time) visited the Kettering Abortion Clinic. Three more came later to join in with prayers. Our faithful leader, Marie Heitkamp stated, "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 came to the abortion clinic, and to the abortionist and their employees. A mother came there with her four small children, just to pray. It was a touching sight. One by one, cars drove by, giving us lots of „thumbs-up“ signs, honking their horns in approval and even some gave us the „you're #1 sign!“. We continued to pray, knowing our prayers can and do change mind's and heart's."

It was a good day. We will never know if we changed anyone's mind. We all feel better knowing that we TRIED!

**28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life** will be held at the Spiritual Center chapel, in Maria Stein, starting at 9:00 pm, Friday, on December 8th to 1:00 am, Saturday, 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 and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. 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 Alex Witt, Parochial Vicar in Coldwater will be available for Confession during adoration and will close with Benediction. All are welcome to attend. Participants may come for all or part of the event.

**T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST:** Mercer County Right to Life will be sponsoring a T-Shirt Design Contest again this year. The winning design will be used for the 2018 Mercer County RTL sponsored, 'Pro-Life T-Shirt Day.' All entries are to be submitted to [mercercountylife@gmail.com](mailto:mercercountylife@gmail.com) by January 31st, 2018. All entries are to have a front design using a maximum of two colors. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. Please include your name and address in your design submission. Good luck!

**Mercer County RTL Essay Contest:** Mercer County RTL sponsored three Essay Contests this fall to promote our youth to better understand their pro-life convictions. We received a Wonderful response for all three Essay Contests. The Winning Essays for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest, which had the topic, „**Why I Am Pro-Life**“, are: Caitlin Weigel in 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Ella Kleinhenz in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The Winning Essays for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade contest, which had the topic, „**How I Defend My Pro-Life Position**“, are: Julia Beyke in 1st Place and Katelyn Vagedes in 2nd Place. The Winning Essays for the 18-22 year old Essay contest, which had the topic, „**How Can I Assist the Pro-Life Movement**“, are: Jacob Kleinhenz in 1st and Megan Muhlenkamp in 2nd. The ten Raffle Winners are: Alana Pohlman, Katie Alig, Rachel Werling, Bree Knapke, Kristen Keller, Alexis Heath, Colby Homan, Brittany Walterbusch, Alyssa Post, and Carina Clune. We Thank all Volunteer Judges for taking their time to assist this awareness activity and we Thank all participants for a **JOB WELL DONE!**

The scoring consisted of grammatical, factual, creative, and inspirational criteria. The 1st Place Winners in each category received \$200, and 2nd Place Winners received \$100. All remaining Essay participants were included in a Raffle for 10 Prizes of \$25 each.

Many Thanks to Kristi Evers & Janelle Homan for sponsoring the Essay Contest.

**Late-term Abortionist Complains too many Abortion Clinics are closing – We Need more Abortions:** LeRoy Carhart is one of the most notorious late-term abortionists in the country. Several women have died along with their unborn babies soon after leaving his abortion facilities, and dozens more have left his abortion facilities in ambulances. Carhart aborts viable, late-term unborn babies up to 9 months for any reason in his Maryland abortion facility. He is one of only a few late-term abortionists who still practice openly in the country, and abortion activists treat him as a hero. But many, like Carhart, are getting old, and few are stepping up to take their places.

This week, the blog “Truthout” gave Carhart space to boast about his life-destroying work and complain that so few people support him. “Those of us committed to reproductive freedom cannot rest while anti-abortion extremists work overtime to rob women of their health, lives and autonomy,” Carhart bragged. “This is why I count my colleagues among the most compassionate and courageous people I know ...” He described the killing of viable, late-term, pain-capable unborn babies as “care,” and blasted the Trump administration for its pro-life policies.

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists siding with the abortion industry.**

A new change to one of its popular patient pregnancy handouts has some doctors concerned about the extent of the organization’s abortion politicking.

ACOG recently changed the word “baby” to “fetus” in its “How Your Baby Grows During Pregnancy” handout for patients, the Quebec Daily Examiner reports. Fetus is a medical term taken from Latin (“offspring”), but the abortion industry uses it as a way to de-humanize the unborn child.

Dr. Greg Marchand, a board certified OBGYN, said the organization made the change subtly in September, but it gained attention after ACOG sent a Nov. 22 email listing new resources available. The title now is “How Your Fetus Grows During Pregnancy.”

“It makes a really big difference,” Marchand said. “There’s some really big political implications here.” Marchand linked the change to the organization’s pro-abortion political stance. He said the pamphlet often is given to newly expecting mothers during their first obstetrician visit.

“We are talking about the difference between telling a newly pregnant mom that she is pregnant with a baby or pregnant with a fetus,” he said. “This is early in pregnancy, when pregnancy termination is still something many new moms are considering.”

The June 2015 version of the pamphlet still appears in the public section of the website. The new pamphlet is available to members only.

The ACOG has been pushing an abortion agenda for years. During its 2015 annual conference, the organization made no secret of its support for the killing of unborn babies. It hosted abortion workshops and promoted Planned Parenthood and its eugenic founder Margaret Sanger during the conference. It also has attacked conscience rights for those who oppose abortion and misled people about the beginning of life and late-term abortions.

**“A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.” American poet Carl Sandburg.  
God, the creator of all life, in His infinite wisdom, gave us the gift of sharing in the miracle of bringing new life into the world.**

**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. Their hours are 11 to 5, Monday thru Friday. All other hours by appointment. Just give us a call, we want to Help. They also have a wonderful Boutique with baby item galore! For more information call 567-890-5433

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