

President, Dee Grieshop
Ft. Recovery, OH
November 2018

Meeting Date: Since November has five Thursdays, our next meeting will be held on November 29th, 8:00 PM, at Mercer Health Hospital Meeting Room, Coldwater. The Hospital Construction work is Done!! You can enter thru the Main Entrance OR the East Entrance. The rooms have not changed, just the ways to get there...

Election of Officers will be held at that meeting.

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 Dee Grieshop has done an *Outstanding Job*. Dee, 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 – and Dee has done a remarkable job! Dee has agreed to serve as President for another term, to give our new Vice President time to adjust.

After our November meeting, we will hold OUR Election of Officers. As of this writing, Lisa Heckman from Cassella is our **Vice President candidate.** Phyllis Wenning has agreed to continue on as Treasurer. Also, Amanda (Geier) Brackman has agreed to continue to be our Secretary. Thank you both Phyllis & Amanda for your service to the RTL.

NEWSPAPER SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

To commemorate the 46th 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 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 6, 2019. Make checks payable to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your name.

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 17, 2019

This year's Send-Off Rally will take place at Mary Help of Christian Church in Ft. Recovery beginning at 6:00. The Guest Speaker is still undecided.

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

At the present time, we have only one bus 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.

The 29th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held at the Spiritual Center Chapel, Maria Stein, Ohio starting at 7:00 PM, Saturday, December 8th to 11:00 PM. that same night. 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 Alexander Witt, Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, will open with exposition and be available for confession for part of the night. Deacon Greg Bornhorst, Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen will close with Benediction. All are welcome to come. Participants may come for all or part of the event. Please Note: The time of the Program is 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, not 9 PM. to 1:00 AM as in the past.

The movie, GOSNELL, The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer, has been taken out of the theater by the media. If they allow it to come around again, we will let everyone know. It is an excellent production that is a 'must see' movie.

2019 Mercer County Sweetheart Dance: Save the Date – Saturday, February 23rd. Something new & exciting this year!! This year's Dance will be held at Romer's in St. Henry. Karen Romer of Romer's Catering, has agreed to Chair this year's Dance. The Dance will begin at 8:00 and end at 11:00. Last year, so many people stated that they went out to dinner before they came to the Dance. So, now that the Dance is at Romer's, Karen stated that they could do Dinner, too, 6:00 – 7:00 PM??, for an additional charge. The Dance tickets will still cost \$5.00 each and IF one wants the Dinner as well, now they can do both.

Four tickets & an envelope will be included in the December Newsletter. The tickets will get you thru the door for the Dance and also enter you into the Raffle Drawing. When you get your tickets, 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. The cost - \$5.00 per ticket. If you return your tickets in advance, just hang onto the Ticket Stub & it will be your ticket into the Dance that night.

The music for the evening will be provided by D.J. 'F 1 Sound'. Doors open at 7:00, with the music starting at 8:00 to 11:00. Tickets also available at the Door. Dinner is Optional, and will begin at 6:00.

???? Call Karen Romer, 419-678-8482 OR Lisa Homan, 419-375-2515.

Please Note: NO alcohol is to be carried into the Hall. Get your gang together & come out for a good night of fun & fellowship.

MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY CONTESTS: Mercer County RTL sponsored three Essay Contests this fall for the following age groups: 9th and 10th grades, 11th and 12th grades, and 18-22 year old Mercer County individuals. **The Cash Prizes for each group are as follows: 2nd Place: \$200.00 and 1st Place: \$300.00!**

Each Educational and / or Persuasive Essay was to be 600 – 800 words and have one of the following topics: 'Why I Am Pro-Life', 'How I Defend My Pro-Life Position', and/or 'How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement'. Essays are being scored equally by four criteria: Grammar, Facts, Creativity, and Inspiration. At the present time, the Committee has received 23 Essays among all age groups. The Judges are still busy scoring the Essays and will announce the Winners in the December Newsletter.

The 2018 Midterm Elections are over – Thank God!! Don't know if the Letter WE sent to the Daily Standard's Editor did any good or not, but, it made a lot of the Past RTL Presidents, SMILE.

It simply stated, "The right to life is our fundamental concern when we cast our ballot. If a candidate supports abortion, that person does not get our vote. Why? If a candidate approves of taking an innocent human child's life in the womb, the candidate lacks common sense, rationalizes a brutal practice and cannot be trusted to make good decisions in anything else." The letter was signed by the four present MCRTL Officers, and 22 Past MCRTL Presidents.

MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C. – 1/22/19 – 46th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It will be celebrated in D.C. on Friday, January 18th. 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 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 bus 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 making 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 2019. Please do so ASAP.

_____ \$75 for adults – Make check 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 19th. 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. One woman came and was very vocal about us being there to protest!! First time that has happened for our group! 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!

Pastor's Ask for God's Blessing at a local Abortion Clinic in Columbus: It's one of the most sacrilegious acts a religious leader could perform, but it happened again — this time in Columbus, Ohio. The so-called Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice was planning a “blessing” of a local abortion clinic. This appeared to be in response to the closing ceremony of their 40 Days for Life campaign where pro-life advocates prayed outside an abortion facility and offered practical pregnancy help and support for women. Originally, the blessing was supposed to take place at a Planned Parenthood abortion center, but instead the service took place at a different abortion facility: Your Choice Healthcare.

“A pro-life event still took place outside Planned Parenthood. *Created Equal* also raised awareness about how abortion kills innocent human beings,” Mark Harrington stated. “At these abortion clinics, abortionists kill babies by chemical abortion and dismemberment abortion up to 19 weeks, 6 days. To suggest that God advocates for the shedding of innocent blood is blasphemous. Abortion is a frontal attack on those made in His image – human beings. Authentic ministers of God oppose the killing of the unborn, they don't promote it,” Harrington stated.

Trump Administration issued New Rule designed to Protect Americans from being Forced to Pay for Abortions Under Obamacare: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a New Rule directing insurers selling Obamacare plans that cover elective abortion to collect a separate payment from enrollees for that coverage, as required by law. Under the Obama administration, insurers were allowed to collect these payments together in violation of clear Statutory Language.

In 2018, taxpayer-funded Obamacare insurance plans in 24 states and the District of Columbia are allowed to cover elective abortion with an embedded abortion surcharge. In 10 of those states more than 85 percent of Obamacare plans cover abortion on demand, including seven states where every single Obamacare plan for individuals and families covers elective abortion.

The rule is likely to provoke a clash with states such as California and Oregon, which obligate all insurers to cover abortions. It also is likely to receive backlash from Democrats, who refused to support a bill to shore up Obamacare earlier this year because it contained language that would have restricted the funding from going toward paying for medical plans that provide abortions.

National Right to Life applauded the new rule. “While only comprehensive legislative reform can cure the multiple abortion-expanding components of Obamacare, today's proposed rule from the Trump Administration sends a strong message that the federal government ought to get out of the business of paying for abortion until Obamacare can be replaced,” said Jennifer Popik, J.D., National Right to Life Legislative Director. National Right to Life President Carol Tobias added, “We applaud President Trump and his administration for enforcing the law and seeking to uphold the principles of the Hyde Amendment to prevent the use of tax dollars to pay for abortion coverage.”

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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