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Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday, October 26th, 8:00 PM, Mercer Health Hospital Meeting Room, Coldwater. Come – see What YOU can do to Help the Unborn cause.

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!

61 Million Little Lives have been snuffed out since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion on demand in 1973!!!

U.S. House of Representatives Passes Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act: Recently, the United States House of Representatives passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill is the national version of the legislation we passed here in Ohio just last year! This is a huge win for life on the national level. We, here in Ohio, want to thank the many Ohio Representatives who helped make this pro-life victory a reality. All of our Ohio Republican Representatives voted in favor of protecting preborn babies from the pain of abortion, and ALL twelve cosponsored the bill.

President Donald Trump has done more to protect preborn children during his approximate eight months in office than most other Presidents did in their four or eight years in Office. In the relatively short time that Pres. Trump has been in office, he has not only honored his commitments to America's unborn babies — he has exceeded them! Just three days after taking office, the President didn't merely reinstate the Mexico City Policy, he widely expanded it. This new policy ensures that our tax dollars are protected from funding the abortion industry overseas across *all* global health spending, not just family planning. The new Trump policy prevents over \$8.8 billion overseas aide from funding abortion.

The President fulfilled another campaign pledge by defunding the United Nations Population Fund, which has long been complicit in China's brutal population control activities, including limiting births and forced abortions. President Trump's State Department prevented about \$33 million per year from going to the UNFPA.

The President signed a law permitting states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X funding. It reverses an Obama-era rule that disbarred states from doing so. Because this was passed using the Congressional Review Act, future administrations cannot enact a similar rule to Obama's.

In a huge victory for the pro-life movement 10/6/17, President Donald Trump is set to roll back the Obamacare birth control mandate that forces Christians to pay for abortion causing drugs for their employees in their health care plan. The controversial mandate has twice made it to the Supreme Court where the nation's highest court sided with both Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor and their attempts to not be forced to pay for abortion causing drugs in violation of their consciences.

LifeNews fought alongside these Christians as they objected to having their money be used to pay for drugs that can kill little unborn children and abortions. They worked closely with pro-life attorneys and pro-life organizations assisting Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor and provided the most extensive pro-life news coverage of these battles.

40 Days for Life Campaign: There are '40 Days for Life' campaigns currently under way in 24 countries. Every minute of every hour of every day – for 40 days – there is always someone, somewhere in the world, praying for an end to abortion. That's a beautiful reality for battling our cynical culture.

The abortion industry won't talk about one thing — abortion. They avoid the gruesome reality of abortion through vague phrases and rhetoric like *choice, privacy* and *reproductive health*.

Those at Planned Parenthood claim that "Abortion is Safe!!" Abortion is never safe! In fact, it is considered unsuccessful unless a baby dies. And his or her death is the most violent death you or I could imagine. "Safe abortion" is a myth and a popular talking point from abortion advocates that further shows how disconnected they are with the scientific reality of life in the womb. Not only is there obviously no safety for the baby, there can also be physical damage to the mother. There is certainly psychological and spiritual damage.

If you spend any time at a vigil outside an abortion center, you know that the woman seeking abortion isn't living in a vague world. She is scared and feels she has no other choice -- and in some cases, that "choice" is actually forced upon her.

The Mercer Co. Right to Life Sponsored Bus Trip to the Kettering Abortion Clinic took place on Thursday, October 19th. A full Report will be given next month.

The ACLU is fighting in court to give illegal aliens access to abortions at public health facilities. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine joined forces with attorney generals from six other states to prevent our tax dollars from being used to fund abortions for illegal aliens. This case could create a dangerous precedent where illegal aliens could get an abortion at any publicly funded facility. If the court sides with the ACLU, abortion rates could drastically increase.

Pro-life advocates must unite to push back against liberal elites at the ACLU. A person who enters our country illegally should not have the right to get an abortion at the expense of American tax payers.

Mike DeWine does more than talk about his pro-life views. He is actively fighting for life!

The UN Human Rights Committee is trying to force their radical abortion agenda while ignoring national sovereignty and the right to life of the unborn. Abortion hurts women. Take Adele, a woman who says "I had my first abortion when I was 25. Less than 5 years later, I found myself in an abortion facility for a second time. For years I tried all types of drugs, alcohol, travelling, relationships, career to fill the gap left in my life by my abortions... I wish someone had warned me of the horrific emotional and spiritual pain I would suffer as a result of my abortions, sparing me years of suffering."

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C. – 1/22/18 – 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade – will be celebrated on Friday, January 19th. 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 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 by November 15th in order to Reserve A Seat. **Payment can be made later.**

Just like the National RTL Committee, the Mercer Co. RTL is still in the process of planning our annual Send-off Rally. 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. Plans are not finalized yet, but we will get that info out ASAP.

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 before November 15th.

_____ \$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 County Students for Life Received a message from the Office for Respect Life Ministries of Cincinnati:

There is an initiative in the Archdiocese that could be a terrific place for some of our high school aged youth to grow spiritually and learn to be articulate advocates for life. Many of our youth are wrestling with difficult questions about life, justice, and morality, that are often in opposition to what we value as Christians. They are often challenged by their contemporaries. They struggle to form their consciences and to find the right ways to articulate them in an unbelieving world.

It is with this challenge in mind that the Office for Respect Life Ministry is re-launching its Archdiocesan Respect Life Action Training (ARLAT). This training will be available in two locations: All Saints Church in Cincinnati on **Saturday, October 28** OR Ascension Parish in Kettering on **Saturday, November 4**. Both trainings will run from 10am -2:15pm. Cost of \$15 per student includes lunch. The intention of the training is to take young leaders from schools all over the archdiocese and form them in the Church's Consistent Ethic of Life so that they can *KNOW IT, SHARE IT, and LIVE IT*.

With the help of Fr. Chris Geiger in Cincinnati, Fr. Sean Wilson in Kettering, and a host of youth ministry and high school campus ministry leaders, this training has three basic goals. After this training, your young people will be able to: Understand more fully the breadth of the church's teaching on a consistent ethic of life (KNOW IT); Witness more effectively their relationship with Christ and discuss a clearer understanding on controversial life topics (SHARE IT); Learn of a variety of ways they can work for life and justice right in their own schools and communities (LIVE IT)

It is the Respect Life Ministries hope that we can identify and invite high school age young people from our area to attend one of these trainings. These should be young people with a passion for life, a desire to learn more, and a willingness to serve those around them. Young people wanting to know more about this event can visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/ARLAT. Chaperones are welcome to attend as well, but not necessary. For more info call: Bob Wurzelbacher, Director, Respect Life Ministries, (513) 421-3131 x2624

MERCER COUNTY RTL is sponsoring three Essay Contests this fall. The topics are: "**Why I Am Pro-Life**" for 9th & 10th graders; "**How I Defend My Pro-Life Position**" for 11th & 12th graders, and "**How I Can Assist the Pro-Life Movement**" for 18-22 year olds. The Essays are to be 500-800 words in length and must be submitted to mercercountystudentsforlife@outlook.com by Wednesday, November 8th, 2017. The scoring will consist of grammatical, factual, creative, and inspirational criteria. First Place Winners in each category will receive \$200, and Second Place Winners will receive \$100.

All remaining Essay participants will be included in a Raffle for 10 Prizes of \$25 each. Please include your Name, Address, Email Address, School, and Grade or age at the beginning of the Essay.

28th annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held at the Spiritual Center chapel, Maria Stein, Ohio starting at 9:00 pm, Friday, 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 will be available for Confession during adoration and will close with Benediction. All are welcome and participants may come for all or part of the event.

A GESTURE OF KINDNESS: The natural disasters in our country have been horrific!! From hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and now fires!! Diane Beamer, Celina, has been making Lap Quilts for the kids in Day Care & residents of Nursing Homes in the Mercer County area for several years. She just gives these Quilts away and expects no payment from anyone. Right after the hurricane hit the Texas area, several Texas Ladies were visiting family in this area. During their visit, Diane delivered some Quilts. The Ladies were impressed. When asked if they would deliver some Lap Quilts to the residents of Texas, they were delighted to do so. 50 Quilts that Diane made are now in Texas. Everything happens for a reason!

Senator Marsha Blackburn announced her plans to run for U.S. Senate last week in her home state of Tennessee. Her campaign said Twitter refused to allow it to advertise a video where Blackburn mentions the abortion chain Planned Parenthood and its sales of aborted baby body parts.

"I know the left calls me a wing-nut or a knuckle-dragging conservative," Blackburn said in the video. "And you know what? I say, that's all right, bring it on. I'm 100-percent pro-life. I fought Planned Parenthood and we stopped the sale of baby body parts, thank God."

The Tennessee Republican has established herself as a champion for the rights of unborn babies. The eight-term congresswoman has **a 100-percent pro-life voting record**. Most recently, she chaired the U.S. House Select Panel on Infant Lives, which investigated Planned Parenthood's sales of aborted baby body parts. In January, the committee sent numerous criminal and regulatory referrals to federal and state officials regarding Planned Parenthood and other groups involved in the baby body parts trade.

Life Institute, Pres. Bradley Mattes Stated : The number of abortions is down in most parts of the nation. We are truly grateful for the advancement of the grassroots pro-life movement to protect unborn babies and their mothers. But a silent, deadly tool of the abortion industry threatens the progress we've made on behalf of innocent human life...

You are likely aware of the chemical abortion pill, commonly known as RU 486. But you may not know how quickly this silent, deadly tool of the abortion industry is spreading. It could have the potential to undermine our life-saving efforts to save the babies.

Before the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of RU 486 in 2000, most chemical abortions were induced with a less-effective drug called methotrexate. Since RU 486 went on the market, the number of babies killed by chemical abortion has substantially increased. According to the Guttmacher Institute — originally established as the research arm of Planned Parenthood — chemical abortions jumped from 6% of all abortions in 2001 to 31% of abortions in 2014.

Abortion advocates delighted in this expansion and were quick to understand its potential for impacting the abortion industry. Guttmacher Institute said chemical abortion “has great potential to expand access to patients in rural or otherwise underserved communities.”

So it's understandable why the abortion industry is going to additional lengths to expand the use of this deadly pill. Due to the shortage of abortionists, abortion facilities developed a telemed protocol which makes it unnecessary to have the abortionist present in the room with the woman. The abortionist simply authorizes the prescription and distribution of the abortion pill via online video communication. The goal of course is to expand the number of chemical abortions done in America.

The lack of in-person interaction between the abortionist and patient exposes women **to an increased danger**. As a result, 19 states have effectively banned the use of telemed abortions. In the past, pro-abortion advocates have been known to produce “research” that bolsters their abortion agenda. The chemical abortion scenario is believed by some to be the latest example.

BIG DONATION: At a recent Planned Parenthood 100th Anniversary gala in New York City, 5/17, Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein appeared to paint himself as a staunch supporter of women, donating \$100,000.00 – even though allegations now claim he was anything but.

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center is located at 560 Touvelle St. in Celina. The Pregnancy Center is open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 11:00-5:00. All other hours by appointments. All of their services are **FREE** and for anyone. Some of the services provided are: **Pregnancy Tests with Verification, Ultrasounds, Counseling, Adoption Planning and Parenting Classes, Court ordered classes, and Life Skill Classes**. Ultrasounds are done through appointments only. **Beating Heart Boutique** is open Monday – Friday from 11:00-5:00. It is Open to the Public.

Beating Heart Boutique is in need of crib beds for babies and diapers for larger babies. With the holidays coming up, MAYBE some of our churches in the area would consider having a “baby shower” specifically for the gift of diapers for the Beating Heart Boutique They accept all new and gently used items of any sort. They also accept monetary donations to help keep their Center up and running. For more information call 567-890-5433 or 419-733-4847.

Check us out on the WEB, <http://mercerlife.org/> & Facebook page. * If you wish to receive the Newsletter via e-mail instead of the regular mail service, please send an updated e-mail address to: mercercountylife@gmail.com. Those receiving the Newsletter by e-mail will also be notified if & when an urgent message is received that needs immediate attention. (Steve Jones is Mercer Co RTL Website Webmaster) & (Stacy Moeller Schwieterman takes care of our Facebook Page).

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